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Sept. 29, 1873 - Sept. 27, 1875

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U. S. MINT

LETTERS

No 13.

From March 6th 1875

To Sept 27 1875.

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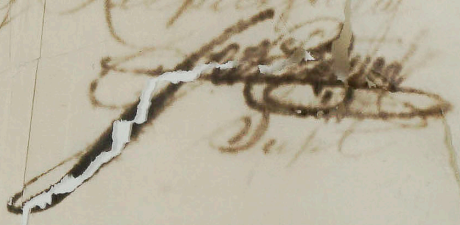
March 6th 5

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to return to this Mint the duplicate bill (No. 511) of W. V. Davis, transmitted with my February Ordinary % for his receipt.

Very Respectfully



Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mar. 9th 5

Sir.

My object in transmitting the duplicate bill of M. V. Davis to your Office with my Ordinary a/c. for February was that he should receipt both it and the original, as stated in my letter of the 3rd inst.

As no receipt has been made upon it, supposing you have not understood the reason for sending it, I return it herewith for that purpose. Please complete it and return.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 9th 5

Sir.

Replying to that portion of yours of yesterday instructing me to notify you on the accumulation of Subsidiary Coin to the amount of $2[illegible]0.000, I have to inform you that our vaults are already crowded with Coin to such an extent as to make the early removal of it extremely desirable. We have in Trade Dollars about ——— $71.000
Subsidiary Coin ——— 191.000
Total $262.000
The Trade Dollars are contained for order 2.

It would suit our business much better if you would amend your instructions by authorizing the transfer of Subsidiary Coin in lots of $100.000 (or such Sum &c.) from the Bullion Fund

Fund to the Treasury proper.

There is due the Assay Office on an old a/c. the sum of $19.000. Subs.y Silver Coin which will be transmitted tomorrow.

We have need to keep on hand to pay freight bills, profits, and to meet annual wastage & loss on sweeps a fair balance, so that in transferring Coin to the Sub Treasuries &c. we must do it with a due regard for these a/cs.

I would suggest that you order the transfer from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at once say $100.000 in Half Dollars. This will give us room to store such Coin as is on its way from the operative Offices, until another transfer can be completed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

March 10 80

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward the following Statements for the month of February 1876.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production, deposited

3 Statement of Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
M. A. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 10 5

Sir

[illegible] inquiry [illegible] the 8th inst [illegible] [illegible]ived.

[illegible] first U. S. [illegible] silver dollar [illegible] coined in [illegible] 1794. From [illegible] 1889, [illegible] including, [illegible] dollars [illegible] were coined, exist ab[illegible] [illegible]ut one thousand pattern [illegible] pieces in 1836.

[illegible] Ver[illegible] Re[illegible]spect[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hon
E. A. Ingalls.
Lynn.
Mass.

Mch 10 5

Sir

Your letter of 8 9 [illegible] inst
has been [illegible]
[illegible] at the [illegible]
inst [illegible] day, [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
you [illegible] "[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] silver [illegible] and [illegible]
coin; but [illegible] get the
coin [illegible], as [illegible] are now
for [illegible]. [illegible] prospects of
the year.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mr.
Frank H. Pond.
Trenton
N. J.

Mch 10 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 9th inst. I have the [illegible] forward a detailed explanation of [illegible] No. 76. of my ordinary expense account for February, 1815.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Sinderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mc 11 5

Sir

I have duly had the draft drawn up [illegible] by the Superintendent of the Mints at San Francisco [illegible] Larson, respecting for the amount of assay [illegible] reserved by them for the calendar year 1874. Tested before the Assay Commission of 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jos Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 11 5

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner, for melting and recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Twenty Thousand (20,000 00/100) Dollars in A Nickel Coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873, also letter of 23d Jan 1874 as well as letter of Sect of the Treasury of Oct. 29th 1874.

J. V. Pollock
Supt.

March 12 [illegible]

Mr. C. Aston
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

Forward weight of invoice of silver received today. Have no letter of advice. Answer by telegraph.

[illegible]
[illegible]

Collect
Govt acts

March 13th 5

Sir.

Yours of yesterday instructing me to Charge "Silver Profit & Loss" and Credit the "Bullion Fund" with $840.76 the loss by recoinage of Silver Coin transmitted to the Mint for recoinage on a/c of the U.S. is received, and your directions will be complied with.

You are clearly in error in stating that I have charged the losses on deposits Nos. 691. 756 & 766 in my a/c of recoinage losses, which I am confident you will discover on making an examination. These deposits were not recoined for the Treasury proper, and in my books the Treasurer U.S. was not charged with the loss $19.80. I also have to respectfully state that the loss ($16.58) on the recoinage of the Foreign Gold Coin is included in my a/c, in the Sum

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See next Page.

~~# 361 42~~ Dec. 20. 1873.

Mch 12 5

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of Feby 20. and March 2, 1875. I have to day forwarded by Express, two boxes of dies, as follows.

To Mint at Carson

	Obverse	Reverse.
Dimes	9	8
Quarter Dollars	8	5
Half Dollars	7	7
Total	24	20

To Mint at San Francisco.

	Obverse	Reverse.
Half Dollars	6	6
Quarter do	6	6
Dimes	6	6
Total.	18	18

Express receipts herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H. [illegible]dorman.
Director of the Mint.

Mch 12 5

Sir

Your remittance of $50. gold coin for 50 Trade Dollars has been received. This could not be done under the regulations, but by an arrangement with the Bankers, I have made an equal exchange for your accommodation and send you to day by Express, as per enclosed receipt, fifty (50) proofs Trade Dollars.

Please acknowledge their safe arrival.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Thos. Acton.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Mar 12 5

Dear Sir, Th

The ore sent by you has been assayed, and is found to contain silver, one hundred & eighty & two dollars ($182.— specie value, per ton of 2000 lbs. Trace of gold.

Mint charge $5 rec^d.

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

Supd^t.

Richard Hudson Esq.
Silver City
New Mexico

Mar 12 5

Dear Sir

The small metallic
crystal sent by you is iron
pyrites, a very common mineral,
of no value.

Yours truly

[signature]

Mr Clifford B. Janney
Baltimore
Md

Mar. 12. 5

Dear Sir

The mineral sent by you, has been assayed and found to contain merely a trace of silver, and a trace of gold.

Mint Charge $5, received.

Yours truly

[illegible]

W. S. Hurlbut Esq.
Care of Vincent Bowman Esq.
Lathrop
Clinton Co.
Missouri

Mar. 12th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of Twenty Thousand (20.000) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund and recoined.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon. Mr. E. Spinner

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

March 13 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith
I forward, Coiners Weekly
Report of the coinage ex-
cuted at this Mint for
week ending March 13. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c.

Mch 15 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst. I have appointed, under the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873, Mrs. Caroline R. Slater as Sweeper &c. in the general department of the Mint, at $1.25 per diem, the same compensation that is paid to the Scrubbers. This appointment to take effect April 1. 1875.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar 15 5

Sir,

The small pebbles sent by you to Washington, & thence sent here, ~~are~~ are chiefly crystals of gypsum, with some iron pyrites &c. but no precious metals.

Yours &c.

J. A. Pollock
Supd.

Mr. I
S. Wize.
Mouses. P.O.
Green Co.
Wis.

March 16 [illegible]

Sir

In reply to my advertisement of the 6. inst I have received two proposals for 2000 pounds Zinc, and 2000 pounds Tin, for mint coinage.

From [illegible] Trotter & Co Philada

2000 lbs Malaca Tin in pigs @ 24½ cts per lb
2000 " " " " bars " 26½ " "
2000 " Lehigh Zinc @ 11 cts per lb
2000 " Ord American " " 6½ " "

From R. L. Gregory. Philadelphia

2000 lbs Lehigh Zinc @ 10 cts per lb.
2000 " Straits Tin, pigs @ 24½ cts " "

We always prefer Tin in bars for our use, and in that shape it is worth one cent per lb more than in pigs. With your approval I propose to award

the Tin, in bars. to Trotter & Co. at 2.5 cts per lb. and the Zinc to Mr. Dougeray at 10 cts per lb.

The proposals are herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 10 5

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst has been received.

There were several varieties of the Washington cent issued in each of the following years, 1785, 91. & 1792. We have no record of the number issued. The size were about the same as the [illegible] copper cent. All have the bust of Washington on the obverse. On some the hair is worn in the fashion of that day. On the largest number the head was surrounded by a wreath.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr. S. P. Foresman.
Shelleburg Pa.

March 17 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. inquiring what action had been taken to strike raised letters on the periphery of the coins by the use of the segmental collar &c, I reply, that I referred the matter to the Coiner to whom the segments and drawings had been previously referred with request to examine and report I enclose his letter of the 16th inst. giving the present status of the examination.

Mr James Swift of the Machine Shop, after examining the Belgium segments and collar, suggested certain improvements and new

modes of construction, which we think will be superior to those received here. He will soon be able to exhibit the same in a completed form.

The concave punch and drawings have been received, and will be tested by the Coiner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 18 5

Sir

With the approval of the Director of the Mint, your proposal, under date of the 18th inst, to furnish to the Mint 2000 lbs best Lehigh Zinc at 10 cents per pound, has been accepted, subject to the Mint assay.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr. R. J. Fougeray.
No. 102 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Mch 18 5

Gentlemen

With the approval of the Director of the Mint, your proposal, under date of the 15th inst, to furnish to the Mint, 2000 lbs Malacca Tin in Bars, at 25½ cents per lb has been accepted, subject to the Mint assay. I will thank you for an early delivery.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Nathan Trotter & Co.
No 56 A Front St.
Philadelphia

Mch 18 [illegible]

Gentlemen.

The metal card enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst. is so near the color and size of a silver half dollar that it might readily be passed as coin on persons not able to read, or not accustomed to coin, and comes so manifestly within the spirit of the penal laws of the United States, that persons issuing [illegible] must run the risk and take the responsibility themselves.

You will find the law on the subject in the 61st, 62d and 63d sections of the coinage act of 1873, approved Feby 12, 1873.

Your specimen is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Howard & Co.
New York

March 18 5

Eduardo Gregoar, Esquire

Sir,

Please to accept my thanks for your valuable gift to the Cabinet of the Mint, of a series of old Spanish silver coins; four pieces.

Very respectfully
Your obdt servant

Jas Ross

Superintendent

Mazatlan
Mex

March 20th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Twenty Thousand (20.000) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Polloch
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Mch 20 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending March 20. 1875.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Oborn
V. C. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar 22 5

Messrs J & A McNall
North Star Alley bo. Pa.
Gentlemen

The Assayer is not able to find any record of the ore or money mentioned in your letter of the 18th inst.

Yours respy

J. A. Powell
Supt

Mch 23 5

Sir

I herewith forward statements of bullion operations and silver meltings in the Melter and Refiners Department of this Mint during the months of January and February 1875. together with copy of a letter from Prof. Booth. M & R. giving some detailed explanations of the results.

You will find these documents very interesting and suggestive, and fully corroborates Prof Booths elaborate report on this subject some weeks since.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

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March 28 5

Sir

On the 19th of February last I wrote you in relation to the pr[illegible]ss made in the arrangem[illegible] of the terms of a con[illegible] with the Adams Ex-p[illegible]any for the transp[illegible]tion of minor coins &c. [illegible] that time I had a personal interview with some of the [illegible] and Officers of the Company on the object. That interview and its discussions led to the enclosed proposition from Henry Sanford by the General Superintendent. I have marked with pencil its most objectionable features and all communicated to Mr. Sanford through Mr. Thompson my objections.

Three per cent would pay well for the services required in the section asking 3½ per ct.

The provision to estimate a package containing less than $50 in value at $50, and pay at that rate, should not be entertained for a moment. They gain on the last [illegible] amounts. We frequently send [illegible] amounts from $500. to $1,000 to same address. These pay more than well. Besides our records would show that we paid for more than we sent, or sent more than we have accounted for, either way objectionable and dangerous.

As the proposition now submitted, with the corrections noted, is perhaps the best that can be obtained from that Company, I submit the subject

to the proper Authorities, through you, for final action.

Please report to me the terms of final contract before close of the month, as it is understood by Mr Thompson and myself that payment for this month will be made under the new contract.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 23 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I send you twelve (12) photographs of the Metis Shipwreck [illegible] obverse and six reverse. [illegible] dies for which are in preparation by our Engraver. They are forwarded to you in accordance with the request in your letter on the subject of the Metis Medal, received some weeks ago.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Obor
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Mch 24 5

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. [illegible] my attention to an a[illegible] overcharge in six items in [illegible] bill for stationery of W[illegible] Murphys Sons, voucher No. 4[illegible] in my ordinary account for [illegible]bruary, 1875, was duly received.

I have delayed my reply until I could give the matter full and careful examination, and referring to the items in the order in which they are stated in your letter, I have to report.

1. That the 200 blanks specified are for the full and detailed monthly report of

all our minor coinage operations required by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the price charged by Murphys for the amount of printing and ruling, and size and quality of the paper they say, and other dealers do not dispute it, is not excessive, in view of the small number required, and the changes made by two revised proofs.

2. I had the Cashiers Blotter examined by an disinterested expert, who did not know my object, and he estimated its value within a fraction of the price charged in the bill. It is a large quarto book of 580 pages, similar to those heretofore in use by our Cashier, heavy

paper, extra ruled, extra printed to order, and full Russia binding, with the added expense of two extra proofs. Perhaps a book made to suit you might answer the purpose, but it is in the same style with all bank and counting house books in use in this city. Murphys say the work is really worth more money than they charged for it.

2. The 500 envelopes, printed, in the third and fifth items, 6 & 12, and the 1500 were legal and letter envelopes, of fine heavy paper, with the new Mint title printed, in script type, by your permission, which had to be made for the purpose, and which increased the price to reimburse that special expense.

other dealers do not consider the price out of the way, under the circumstances.

4. "Two reams large wrapping paper [illegible] This is royal hardware paper [illegible] inches, and 90 lbs to the rea[illegible] and the price charged is less [illegible] some other dealers ask for [illegible] I directed my messenger to make inquiry of our leading paper dealers, by sample, and $8. $6.[illegible] and $9. per ream were the lowest figures given him, Murphys price being the average.

5. There was a mistake in the number of linen envelopes charged in the bill. 500 envelopes, assorted, were delivered to the Mul[illegible], three legal and two letter size, but only 300 charged. The former number

at $19. is not unreasonable.

Dealers do not always have identical prices for the same articles in the same market, and it is not unreasonable that there should be fluctuations between Washington and Philadelphia, and the actual difference in price, if any, would not well be determined unless the articles in dispute could be seen and compared to determine their character, quality, and fair market value. In this instance we are only comparing brief designations and prices, and not the things themselves.

I enjoin strict economy in purchasing for the Mint, and believe we get good articles at a fair price.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Mch 25 5

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d inst was received [illegible] day.

The [illegible] can furnish proof sets of U.S. gold, silver and mine coins for the year 1875, or each kind separately, but cannot furnish those of former years. For the latter your application should be made to professional coin dealers.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
L. Bradford Prince.
Albany
N. Y.

Mch 27 5

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending March 27. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 27 5

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing $5. in currency, to pay Caldwell & Mathews bill against your Mint for fire brick, was received on the 23d inst. together with the voucher in triplicate, and warrant.

The money was paid to day to Caldwell & Mathews, and I herewith return the voucher and warrant with their signature as per your request.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir.

Mch 27 . 5

Sir

We need another supply of Medal circulars; and in getting new ones printed I propose to insert the medals that have been added to the list since the last circular was issued.

I also propose, with your approval, to add to the body of the circular a paragraph, a rough draft of which I herewith enclose, giving the present state of our coinage, about which our correspondence shows there is still great confusion in the public mind. The information thus proposed to be given, will relieve us from

writing a great many letters.

I submit the circular thus modified for your consideration, under the 2nd section of the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Hon

M. E. Lindeman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mch 29 5.

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statements of Silver Workings on the Coiners department from the months of January and February 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon

C. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

Mar: 29 5

Sir

The specimen of ore sent by you, requires no assay: it is simply a rich iron ore, somewhat complicated with sulphur, which likewise makes difficulty in the manufacture of iron.

We however cannot give time to any ores but those of gold and silver.

Respy yours

Supt

Mr James N. Todd
Tuscumbia
Ala

Mch 30 5

Sir

You will please prepare immediately, the following dies of 18[illegible] for the Mint at San Francisco.

Double Eagle. 12 Obverse
do do 12 Reverse

And as soon as the design shall have been selected and approved.

size obverse 20 cent coin
size reverse 20 " "

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver

Mch 30 [illegible]

Sir

I enclosed herewith & forward my requisition of the date for the sum of $[illegible]000 for the service of the Mint during the month of April, proximo, as follows,

For Salaries	$4.000
" Wages	20.000
" Contingent Expenses	5.000

The amount asked for Salaries and Wages, is the same as in March.

I have drawn nothing for Contingent Expenses for three months past, and the moderate sum now asked, is no more than will be needed to meet our probable

necessities at this season
of the year.

Very Respectfully
J. V. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
R. E. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 30 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the [illegible] inst. I herewith forw[illegible] a report by our Assay[illegible] Prof. DuBois, with regar[illegible] to rejected melts, and the q[illegible]tion of segregation of g[illegible]l, raised by our Melter & Refi[illegible]er.

[illegible] is an able and interesting discussion of the novel question presented, but leaves the impression on my mind that the weight of the argument is still with the Melter and Refiners.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

March 31 5

Sir

Your letter of March 30th has been received.

This Mint will receive your old silver and coin it into trade Dollars for you, if you so direct, but cannot under the law, give you smaller silver coins in return.

The New York Assay office does not coin money. all the coins issued from that office are made here.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Mr. T. Crommelin.
New York

Mch 30th 5

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The several denominations [illegible] silver coins were first [illegible] in the following years.

[illegible]he Dollar	in	1794
[illegible]alf Dollar	"	1794
[illegible]rter Dollar	"	1796
[illegible]imes		1796
[illegible]alf Dimes		1794
[illegible] three cent piece		1851.

[illegible] our silver coinage was changed [illegible] Act of Congress on the 1st of [illegible]ebril 1878, and in that year two setts of dies were used for that reason, and reversed arrow heads on each side of the date were used on coins less than the

dollar, to indicate the change.
We have no list of coins but will send you a medal circular now in the printers hands, in a few days.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pleasant
Supt

Mas[illegible] A. T. Wall.
[illegible]idence
R. I.

Mch 31 5

Sir

Your letter of the 30th inst has been received.

The U. S. cents of 1857 are worth one cent each. and no more.

Very Respty

J. W. Powell
Supt

M

C. M. Wood.
Brooklyn
N. Y.

March 31 [illegible]

Lin[illegible]

Inclosed I send you four specimen 20 cent pieces, 2 of silver, and 2 of copper. The Engraver informs me that he will, if possible, have two or three different specimens ready to send you on Monday, or Tuesday of next week.

I paid the Miners for the silver specimens, 40 cents each.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 31st 5

Sir.

As requested in yours of the 27th inst. I transmit a statement of the coinage executed for the month of March.

I also state that the amount of Subsidiary Silver Coin on hand at the close of business this day is about $376.5[illegible], and that there is bullion available for the further coinage of [illegible] $324.659.45.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock

Superintendent.

Hon. S. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mar 31st 5

To the Cashier of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will deliver to the Melter & Refiner for [illegible] recoinage (from the Base Coin Redemption [illegible] [illegible]ty two thousand dollars in Nickel 1¢ pieces [illegible] per [illegible]nity of the Director of the Mint in his letter and [illegible] [illegible] April 1873, also letter of 23d Jany 1874, also [illegible] of Secretary of the Treasury of Oct 29th 1874.

[illegible]
Superintendent.

Mch 8 1 8

Sir

As the month of March [illegible] to day, and [illegible] bills of the [illegible] company for [illegible] of [illegible] made with [illegible] how the rates are [illegible] fixed under the old [illegible] on the new? If under the new contract what are its terms? Please advise me.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 31 8

Sir

At the close of business this day I made [illegible] usual monthly co[illegible] examination of the mon[illegible] hands of the [illegible] the Mint with the [illegible] results

Gol[illegible]	$645.758.39
Silv[illegible]	450.622.25
Ord. [illegible] regular.	10.60[illegible].79
Mint Coinage	86.471.68
" [illegible] Exchanged	1.265.67
" Reissued	2.960.00
" Coinage Redemption.	46.100.82.
	$1.243.784.60

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint
and the institution was found
to be in good working order
and the business conducted in
a correct and satisfactory
manner

April 1 5

Sir

herewith forward

the allegiance of Mrs.

[illegible] keeper in

[illegible]

[illegible]ctfully

[illegible]

Supt

[illegible]

[illegible] 2

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Wat[illegible] on

DC

April 1 5

Sir

I [illegible] the proof of the ne[illegible] circular, it occurs to me [illegible] three dollars in silver [illegible] present silver [illegible] will not be enough [illegible] that will include [illegible] twenty cent piece. I pr[illegible] therefore, with your app[illegible] to fix the price at [illegible] dollars and twenty five cen[illegible] silver, or the equivalent [illegible] currency, and will retain the proof sheet until I can hear from you.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 1 5

Sir

[illegible] with forward
for [illegible] of your [illegible],
[illegible] of Minor C[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of March
1876.

[illegible] forward for the
Secretary of the Treasury, a
Statement of Minor Coinage
operations at this Mint for
the same month.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I send you copy of communication from Prof. DuBois. our Assayer on the subject of the finen[illegible] a[illegible] of the Mexic[illegible] Do[illegible]s, recently forwarded to the Mint by the Government for recoinage.

As the document is of considerable interest and importance, I forward you a copy for your consideration, as requested by the Assayer.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 2d 75

Sir.

I forward herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for March 1875.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 9 5

Sir:

Herewith I forward for your consideration a copy of a communication received today from our Melter and Refiner, Prof. Booth, in reference to the [illegible] of loss in melting ~ American Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. [illegible] Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

April 2d 5

Sir

I enclose herewith a statement of the amount of Copper used by the Wiener & Refiner for alloying Gold and Silver during the 1st quarter 1875 -

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. M. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 2d 5

Statement of Copper Alloy used by the [illegible] Refiners during the 1st Quarter [illegible]

1875.

Jany [illegible]	[illegible] Balance	Ozs. 2500.	$ 39.13
Mar 3[illegible]	[illegible] Purchases	" 87.500.	" 1402.50
		90.000	" 1.441.63
Mar. 3[illegible]	By Copper used	Ozs. 65.690.	1.052.23
		Ozs. 90.000	$ 1.441.63

Mil a 5

Sir

Mr W. W. Alter of this City has [illegible] this Mint with a super[illegible]uality of coal at $6.25 and [illegible]7. per ton of 2240 lbs. [illegible] time when other dealers dem[illegible] at the respective feri[illegible] for the same article. [illegible]ome of them wated $7.00.

[illegible] received a note from [illegible] Alter to day, a copy of which [illegible] enclose, advising me that the Coal operators have put up the price of coal fifty cents per ton, on account of the strike which still continues, and for that reason he will be obliged to ask an increase of 50 cts per ton on coal to be

supplied to the Mint. This proposition is reasonable under the circumstances, as at it seems hardly worth while to invite proposal[illegible] the present condition of th[illegible] would appear to be no m[illegible] than right and proper, and [illegible] unavoidable, to agree to M[illegible]ters proposal.

If it [illegible]ets your approval I wi[illegible] [illegible]ee to his terms, to be contin[illegible] only, of course, until there is [illegible] decline in the market.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
Wm. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 3 5

Si[illegible]

[illegible]ed herewith &
for[illegible]oiners Weekly Report
of [illegible]nage of this Mint,
for [illegible]ding April 3d 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Obo[illegible]
[illegible]rman
[illegible] of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 3rd 5

Sir

Please draw your Transfer
Ch[illegible] for Thirty Two Thous-
an[illegible] (32.000) Dollars to reimburse
[illegible] for Nickel 1¢ Coins
[illegible] for recoinage.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

April 3 [illegible]

Sir

I have received from the Coin[illegible] of this Mint under date of [illegible]ch 29th, an application for [illegible] desk for his office, to be [illegible]ished by the Supervising Archi[illegible]t of the Treasury Department [illegible] I herewith forward a copy of t[illegible] Coiners requisition, and give [illegible] same my approval, upon condi[illegible]on, however, that the cost [illegible] the desk shall not be paid [illegible] of the appropriation for [illegible] incidental expenses of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

April 5 5

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 1st inst. advising me of the increasing scarcity of coal, on account of the strike, and requesting an advance in price of fifty cents per ton.

Upon consultation with the Director of the Mint, and with his approval, you will be allowed $7.50 per ton for coal supplied to the Mint. This advance in price however, is only to continue until there is a decline in the market &c.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. W. V. Alter
Philadelphia

April 5 5

Sir

I duly received your letter of March 29th enclosing $5.00 in gold, and 50 cents in currency, the latter for Expressage, and requesting me to send you five Trade Dollars in return.

After some unavoidable delay I have been enable to make the exchange through the personal kindness of the Coiner, of the Mint and herewith send you the desired number of Trade Dollars (five proofs) by the Adams Express, prepaid.

My former exchange of these coins through the N. Y. Assay office was a matter of official courtesy and accommodation.

in a single instance, but as the arrangement was in disregard of the Mint regulations on the subject you will indulge me in the remark that I cannot undertake to continue the practice in future.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Wm. Allen Butler Esq
New York.

April 8 8

Sir

The silver mentioned in your letter of the 2d inst. has come to hand. and is held by the Mint Agent of Adams Express Co, until we receive further instructions from you.

The Mint is a coining institution and converts bullion into coin or bars. to the order of the depositor. As the law now stands we can convert your silver into Trade Dollars only or bars, as you will see by the enclosed circular. But when we have done this, and paid the proceeds to the Express Agent who deposits the silver for you, the Mint

has nothing further to do with it. If you want the proceeds remitted by gold draft or currency, you will have to send instructions to that effect, when the express agent will buy a gold draft with the silver dollars, and mail it to you, making a reasonable charge for that service.

Very Respectfully
[illegible] Pollock
Supt

W. P. Clarkweather Esq
Milwaukee
Wis

April 5 5

Sir

I herewith enclose specimens of the twenty cent piece for your examination. Two in silver and two in copper are all designs in conformity with the present coinage. To distinguish these more ready from the Quarter dollar we have made the edge plain, not reeded. Whether specimens, two sets of silver and copper are peculiar in design, very beautiful, but not conforming to our other coinage they cannot, therefore, I presume be adopted.

Please examine, give me

your suggestions as to any
change desired; or if you
approve any of these now
sent or those sent previously
(a few days ago) indicate the
d[illegible] selected, and we will
p[illegible] at once to prepare
th[illegible]s for this and other
[illegible]

[illegible]aid 00 cts in coin for
th[illegible]er specimens.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
[illegible] Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

April 7 5

Sir

The proof sheets of Assayer Dubois report on condemned [illegible], enclosed in your letter [illegible] the 6th inst. were submitted [illegible] him to day at his residence [illegible] he is detained by indis-[illegible]tion, and having been [illegible]sed by him, as per memo-[illegible]sum enclosed, are herewith [illegible]rned to you.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

[illegible]

[illegible] R. Linderman
[illegible]irector of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

April 7. 5

[illegible] R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Fifty [illegible] boxes silver bullion
from [illegible], Main Morgan & Co.
New [illegible], have just arrived.

J. A. Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint

Pa [illegible] cates

April 7 6

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of coin deliveries, and coins reserved for the annual assay, at this Mint, during the Quarter ending March 31. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pleasant
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram.

April [illegible] 5

Dr. [illegible] R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Gen. [illegible] and [illegible] Silver
bullion received yesterday from
Drexel, Morgan & Co. in Eight days
from [illegible].

[illegible]
Supt. [illegible]

Pd. [illegible]

Telegram

April 7. 8—

[illegible]

April 10 5

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 9th inst. requesting an opportunity to photograph the machinery and interior portion of the Mint for Johnson's Cyclopedia, and designating the 17th and 19th days of April inst. for that purpose.

The Mint is heavily pressed at the present time with coinage on Govt a/c, but if the proposed photographing on the 19th will not interfere with our operations, the desired opportunity will be afforded you.

Harpers Magazine published an illustrated article on the Mint a few years ago. Perhaps their engravings might answer your present purpose to some extent.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Prest. L. A. P. Barnard.
New York.

April 10 5

Sir

The coin referred to in your letter of the 7th inst. was a pattern piece merely. None have been struck since, nor have we any on hand.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. G. W. Hall.
Boston
Mass

April 10 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage at this Mint. for week ending April 10. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 12 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of March 30th ult. I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by Adams Express Company, a sealed box containing 12 obverse, and 12 reverse dies for Double Eagles.

Duplicate Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 12th 5

Hon: Jno. Hillhouse
Asst Treas: U.S.
New York.

Sir:

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Mess: Drexel Morgan & Co for the sum of Two hundred and seventy five thousand (275.000) dollars in U.S. Gold Coin.

The above amount is drawn against the sum of Five hundred thousand dollars placed with you to my credit by the Treasury Department.

Jas Pollock
Superintendent.

The above is the official signature of Hon James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint U.S. Philad.

W R Lindenwald
Director of the Mint
April 12. 1875

April 12th 6

Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, Pay to the order of Mess. Drexel Morgan & Co. Two hundred and seventy five thousand dollars in U. S. Gold coin and charge the same to my account.

J. A. Hoffman

Superintendent.

$275,000.00

April 12 -

Sir -

I herewith enclose four additional specimen 20 cent pieces. 2 in silver, and 2 in copper. the denomination stated as 1/5 of a dollar and 20 cents. as requested. I prefer any of the other specimens heretofore sent. There are forty cents coin due you the above, which can be paid when you remit the 80 cts for those sent previously.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 12 5

Sir

In pursuance of the enclosed nomination by the Melter & Refiner, I have appointed Thomas McClain, for service in the Sweep Cellar, in the Melter & Refiners Department, at 1 sh (three dollars) per diem, vice Thomas W. Simpson resigned, to take effect on Monday the 19th of April, inst. and submit the same for your consideration, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 10 75

Sir

I herewith forward Statements of Gold and Silver Bullion in the Coiners Department of this Mint during the month of March 1875 delivered to me to day.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 18 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith return the letters of Rear Admiral Davis, received in your letter of the 8th inst. which also contained a sketch of a medal to be presented to be drafted by the Commission on the Transit of Venus.

In connection with our Engraver I examined the sketch in detail, including the legends. The Engraver has prepared a sketch of the size required and has also arranged the legends in the order, and as they should read on a medal. The design and devices of the medal are simple and appropriate. The

legends are classically correct and expressive, and the size that of the Agassiz medal.

The dies can be made here if desired. The cost of the medal in gold, of the size and weight indicated in your letter, and in the sketch of our Engraver, will be from $55. to $60. in gold coin.

If the dies are to be made here, our Engraver requests that a photograph of the telescope, taken in side view, as shown in the design, should be furnished him, as he deems it important that the form of the instrument should be quite correct. If the dies are not to be made by the Engraver of the Mint, they can be made by Mr. Barber in his private capacity for about $125.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Hon. J. C. Kleinderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 18 5

Sir

By whom is the cost of the transportation of the Silver Bullion purchased from Drexel, Morgan & Co, from New York to this Mint to be paid? Adams Express Company say it is to be paid by the Mint.

I presume the Bullion was, by contract of purchase, to be delivered free of expense in New York; perhaps also to the Mint. Please advise me.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 14 5

Sir

I herewith forward corrected Statement of deposits and purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of February 1875. The purchases of Silver Bullion for Government account, being now stated in a foot note, instead of the body of the report.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 14 5

Sir

I herewith forward the following [illegible]tatements for the month of [illegible]arch 1875.

1. [illegible] and Purchases of Gold [illegible] Silver Bullion.
2. Gold and Silver of domestic production.
3. Coins Manufactured.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 14 5

Sir

William G. Lamen, carpenter in the general department of the Mint, at $3 25 per diem, has resigned his position, taking effect on the 13th of April inst, and his resignation has been accepted.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. P. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

April 15 5

Sir

You have been appointed as workman in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint (Sweep cellar) at $3.00 per day, beginning Monday next, 1 y [illegible]st, at which time you will report for duty.

You will take, and subscribe to, the enclosed oath, and bring it with you.

Yours Respty

[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
Thos McClain.
[illegible] Bainbridge St.
Phila

April 18 5

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst, enclosing the silver 20 cent piece selected for the regular coinage of the denomination, has been received.

I agree with you that the shield reverse is the more artistic and beautiful, but "the letter of the law killeth" that design. We propose to enlarge the band "Liberty" by enlarging the shield a little, and whilst enlarging the scroll in which the letters are placed, to raise the letters instead of sinking them, as on the specimen sent to me. This raising of the letters will improve the appearance

of the obverse, and make the word "Liberty" much more legible.

We will prepare the working dies for the respective Mints as rapidly as possible, and send them when ready to their destinations.

The [illegible] cent piece sent in your letter, is herewith returned as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

April 18 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

The dollar that was short accidentally fell out the bag and we could not tell to whom it belonged until your letter came to hand. The Adams Express Co will forward it to you.

In reference to the weight of the silver bullion, the Mint weight is correct. The ounces used by the Mint are Troy ounces. The deposit you sent properly was weighed with avoirdupois ounces. 292 Troy ounces would equal 321 lbs. avoirdupois.

The Memorandum is herewith rated.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. Chas. Wendel & Co.
Chicago.

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April 16 5

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the mode of taking and computing silver bars of a finenes of not less than 999 &c. has been received.

The custom at the New York Assay Office of taking and computing such bars as fine silver, viz. 1000 ozs. at 999 fine, as 1000 ozs. is a surprise to us here, and is not warranted by law or regulation. Such is not, and never has been the practice here, since my connection with this Institution.

In answer to your first question I reply, that the Mint has received occasionally from the New York Assay Office, and

individual depositors, silver bars of the fineness of 999 thousandths and upwards.

2d. Question. Such bars were not rewarded and treated as fine silver but as containing a certain portion of silver, the standard weight of which was computed according to its weight and fineness; the bullion was not taken at its weight and regarded as fine silver.

You are right in supposing that if receiving such silver as fine silver would throw the loss or difference, on the Melter and Refiner account. Such action would be not only without authority, but a fraud wrong to the Government.

The Coinage Law of 1873. Section 4. settles this question. The mode

of taking and computing bullion is thus stated, "From the Report of the Assayer and the weight of the bullion he shall compute the value of each deposit &c". This is clear law, and express regulation. We have always conformed to this rule.

I submitted your letter to our Melter & Refiner, Assayer and bullion clerks, and they all agree with me, and with the statements made in this letter. The law will not permit, or justify, any other course or mode of computation.

Very Respectfully
J. B. Boyd
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 17 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending April 17th 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pearl
Supt

Hon.
H. Reinderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

April 17 5

Sir

Two boxes of assay coins from your Mint for the quarter ending March 31 1875, were received on the 14th inst, and your letter of advices, on the 1st.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

James Crawford Esq
Supt U. S. Mint.
Carson
Nev

April 17 8

Sir

The box of assay coins from your Mint for the quarter ending March 31. 1875, was received to day.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

O. H. LaGrange. Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

April 17th 5

Dir

I have sent you to day per Adams Express done up for Shipment the Coins as ordered

Gold	$17.
Silver	3.90
Copper & Nickel	18
	$ 21.08

You will please remit draft for the Above ammount as indicated in your note

Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 19 80

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst. & Express was received this morning. The silver bar enclosed was at once delivered to the Agent of Adams Express located in the Mint building, who will deposit it for you, under your rules. if you so desire.

The Mint receives deposits of bullion for coinage or bars, but never makes returns in currency. If you want the proceeds sold for currency, you will have to so instruct the Express Agent.

Under the law, as it now stands, we cannot make returns for silver bullion except

in silver bars or trade 'dollars, as you will see by the enclosed circulars.

The mark on your bar "[illegible]" is its value in silver, as estimated by the party who so stamped it. We assure in its exact value, however, by melting and assaying it ourselves, and account to your Agent accordingly.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Pollock
Supt

Messrs
R. [illegible]ick & Co.
[illegible]sburgh
Pa

April 19 5

Sirs

Your letter of the 16th inst. was received to day.

The Mint does not make silver plates. Your application should be made to silver smiths. Messrs. Robbins, Clark & Biddle, No. 1124 Chestnut St this city would doubtless make it for you. if you apply to them.

Your paper, and brass pattern are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Mr Jos Miller.
Grafton
Wr Va

April 20 6

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst. in relation to the amount of [illegible] subsidiary coinage for the one half of the present month (April) and asking "what coinage of silver can be depended upon up to the close of the fiscal year," has been received.

In reply I would state that the coinage of silver coin for the first half of April was not as large as expected, or equal to our capacity, because we had a limited supply of silver bullion early in the month, and secondly, the order to melt the bullion received from Drexel Morgan & Co. promptly,

and without the usual delay, necessitated the use of the silver ingots furnaces, and this, as you properly state, reduced the coinage. no ingots were made, and consequently coinage suspended. We have now returned to our regular mode of melting and expect to increase the coinage.

2 As to the future, I have ordered a partition to be put up in the Bullion Melting Room so that we will be able to use one half of that room, and two or four more furnaces, for making silver ingots. The room will be ready for operations in a few days. With this increase of furnaces, and without any increase in our force, but by a judicious arrangement of melters and helpers in the Gold and Silver

Melting room, and the Copper melting room, we will be able under ordinary circumstances, (with two additional furnaces) to deliver to the Coiner 60,000 to 100,000 ozs daily, (and more with more furnaces) and thus, in the opinion of the Melter and Refiner and Coiner, will be able to coin per month from $1,000,000. to $1:500,000 silver subsidiary coin, in the denominations and proportions indicated in your letter. At least we will use every proper effort to accomplish this result. The effect of the suspension of the silver ingot melting has just ended, and unless something occurs now not now anticipated we will make a good exhibit for the future, and produce nearly the number of pieces named.

Our force will not justify a promise to produce the full amount

It is sometimes said that in 1853 and 4. more pieces were made in a month than named in your letter. More pieces were made in November and December 1853. and January 1854. say about 8.000.000. the annual monthly average being from 3 to 3½ million pieces. But during these months and the year 1854, the Department ran double sets of hands, making 20 hours work in the 24. 10 hours per day then; 8 hours now. The employees then about equal to the number now. 240. being equivalent then, at 20 hours. to 600. or 360 more than our present force. I desire to avoid any needless increase in our number. and

all overtime so for as practicable, and will, with the aid of the operative officers, endeavor to meet the wants of the Government.

There is another matter to be considered, and which is begining to effect our work here. I mean the supply and quality of our coal. We are now compelled to use such coal as we can procure, the quality greatly inferior to what we require, and causing delay in melting and generally retarding our operations. I fear if the strike in the coal regions continues, we will be compelled to suspend operations, as we may not be able to procure a sufficient supply of coal for Minting purposes. We can do more with good coal, bad coal hinders as now, and may prevent our

coining the amount desired.

We hope on the basis of these statements and calculations, to furnish silver subsidiary coin from $2000000 to $2500.000 in the proportion and denominations named in your letter, "to the end of the present fiscal year."

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 21 6

Sir

Your letter of the 19th inst. has been received.

What silver coins may be "worth" in the market I do not know; the Mint has nothing to do with that. But under the terms of the law governing our coinage operations, as you will see by the inclosed circular.

I will give you two hundred silver half-dollars, and four hundred silver quarter-dollars, in exchange for two hundred dollars of U.S. gold coin, but the gold coin must be of full legal weight. No light weight or defaced coin will be received. You can

send a gold draft to my order, with instructions how to send the silver coin in returns. The freight on the silver coin will have to be paid by you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt. Phila Mint

Mr.
F. A. Baker.
Rochester
N.Y.

April 21st 5

Sir.

To reply to yours of yesterday inquiring for the [illegible] 87.51 transferred from the Assay Office, New York to this Mint, I have to inform you that such a lot of bullion was received but as we prefer to make assays from bullion received, there is necessarily some delay in reporting it. There is also a lot in my hands from San Francisco which as soon as it can be assayed will be duly reported in your Transcripts. The large lot of Silver purchased from J. S. Morgan & Co. has kept our assayers busy, and other bullion for your a/c. will be taken up as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.

April 21 5.

Sir

In reply to your circular letter of the 20th inst. I have to [illegible] that this institution [illegible] received any "furniture [illegible] fixtures" from or through the [illegible]ice of the Supervising [illegible]ct, nor have I ever [illegible] been called upon for a [illegible]t on this subject. The furniture of the Mint is very plain, and but little of it. Most of it is old, and has been here many years. It would be impossible for me to give either the date of purchase, or cost, except perhaps some articles bought within the last half dozen

years. Such furniture and fixtures as are not made by our own carpenter, are bought in this market, and paid for out of the annual appropriations of this Mint for incidental and contingent expenses.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

William L. Potter. Esq
Superintending Architect
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram)

April 21. 5

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Will be ready to settle and pay the entire purchase to morrow by 1 o'clock, noon.

J. A. Poliwitz
Dep.

21st April 5

Hon. W. Linderman

Dear Sir

The standard weight should have been 374,985.63 ounces.

That is the weight in the pressed copy of the letter sent you as we have it on our book.

The error is in the reading of the letter which may have been somewhat blurred in copying

The calculator said the fineness .997 was only the average fineness and not intended to be strictly accurate. Only a close approximation. The calculation of the standard weight was made on the weight after melting & fineness reported by the assayer & not on the assumed average.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

April 22d 5

Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York,
Pay to the order of Mess. Drexel Morgan & Co.
One hundred and fifty one thousand, nine hun-
-dred and seventy one 11/100 dollars in U. S. Gold Coin,
and charge the same to my account.
$151,921 11/100

Jas. Bowen
Superintendent.

April 22d 5

Hon. Rich. Rathbone
Asst Treas. U. S.
New York.

Sir:

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Messrs Drexel Morgan & Co, for the sum of One hundred and fifty one thousand, five hundred and twenty one 00/100 (151,921 00/100) dolls, in U. S. Gold Coin.

The above amount is drawn against the sum of Five hundred thousand dollars placed with you to my credit by the Treasury Department.

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

April 25 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith enclose C/D No. 75. in your favor, dated April 21. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $493.00 gold coin, on account of duties on imports, being the proceeds of the recoinage of 100. light coin forwarded by you on the 16th inst. You will please acknowledge its receipt.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 417. in duplicate.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Geo. C. Stevens, Esq
Collector of Customs
Milwaukee

Apr 22 5

Dear Sir

What you sent is nothing but gravelly mica; the small paper has some iron mixed with it.

Yours resp'y

J. W. Powell Jr
Dep. Ch.

Mr. C. Hageman.
New Holstein
Wis

April 23 -

Sir

I herewith forward a communication from Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, under date of the 7th inst. on the subject of the condemnation of melts of gold bullion at this Mint, and shortly in respond to views heretofore expressed by Mr. Dubois.

Prof Booth's scholarly letter is an able and exhaustive discussion of an exceedingly interesting and important question, and his presentation of facts very convincing to my mind, as to the soundness of his conclusions. Both the letter and the accompanying ~~letters~~ Cables

challenge the most thought-
ful consideration, and should
be printed as an addition
to the former papers on this
subject by himself and the
Assayer.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

April 3, 5

Sir

I herewith forward statement of our Melter and Refiner's Bullion Operations for January, February and March, 1875; Gold melting for March 1875; and Silver melting for January, February and March, 1875; with a copy of Prof. Booth's accompanying explanations.

Very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Tinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

April 24 75

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Reports of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending April 24th 1875.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 24 5

Sir

I herewith hand you copy of the official report from the N. Y. assay office of the assay of test coins from this Mint, for the months of March and April 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Wm E Du Bois. Esq

Assayer

April 24 5

Sir

I herewith hand you a copy of the official report from the N. Y. Assay Office of the assay of test coins from this Mint for the month of March and April 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolton

Supt

A Loudon Snowden Esq
Coiner.

April 24 5

Sir

I herewith hand you copy of the official report from the N. Y. Assay Office, of the assay of the test coins from this Mint, for the months of March and April 1875.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell

Supt

Prof. J. C. Booth.
Melter & Refiner

April 26 61

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 23d inst. notifying me that you had requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $3.000.000, in subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Sub-Treasury Vault of this Mint to the Treasurer of the United States.

I learn this morning that the Adams Express Company refused to take more than $100.000 to $200.000 of this coin at one time, they not having the facilities to safely do so. I have to request therefore, that you will apply to the Secretary to have two

drafts instead of one, made out for the sum named in your letter, of equal amounts, or in the proportion of two to one, as may be most convenient, and that no transfer draft for subsidiary silver coins be issued hereafter for a large sum than $200,000.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 26th 75

Sir.

I hand you herewith the statement of light gold coin mined from July 1st 1874 to March 31st 1875 - called for in yours of the 21st inst.

On Saturday a further invoice was received for recoinage (the sale value being $ 15.585-) from the Asst. Treasurer here.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the U.S. Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 26 [illegible]

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication received from our Melter & Refiner on Saturday, complaining of injustice done him by the New York Assay office, in not making some allowance in weight for surface impurities &c, when transferring silver bullion to this Mint.

The figures given show how important the alleged disregard of the regulation is in the settlement of Prof Booth's accounts, and in calling your attention to the subject. I hope you will be able to take such action

as will protect him in the future.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 26 [illegible]

[illegible]

Your letters in reference to Mecklenburg medals, were received this morning.

Mr Baker thinks he can have the dies ready by Saturday next, May 1. The design is a good one, and significant. His cost for silver medals, including everything, will be 60 cts a piece, for 1000, as indicated, payable in silver coin. For each medal, without bronzing, each 10 cts currency, for 500, the number named in your letter. For copper bronzed each 15 cts currency, for same number.

The estimates are low

made so by reason of their centennial character.

If we are to furnish them by the 15th of May, the order should be promptly sent.

Very Respectfully

W. Polwick
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Apr 28 5

Mr S.S. Frye, Dayton, Arkansas.

Dear Sir,

The lump you sent is a bog-iron ore, which is not the place to expect silver or gold. I therefore advise you not to go to any expense, & let me return the $5. you sent.

If you insist on an assay, you must have patience, for we are busy with our proper work.

Yours &c.

Jas D Dana

April 28 5

Sir

I herewith return the letters of Mr Reid, Detroit, April 23, referred to me by you for answer, and have to state in reply, that Mr. Thompson, Mint Agent of the Adams Express, do, informs me that the piece of native gold sent by Mr. Reid, was duly received, and being too small a deposit for coinage was sold for $5.00 currency, and that amount sent to Mr. Reid by Express April 19.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Apr 28 5

Dear Sir,

We are very busy with our regular work, & cannot assay your ore without considerable delay.

As you speak of private assay, I would recommend Prof. Genth, of the University of Penn.a, Philadelphia; or Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Chant St. Phila

The specimen will be handed over as you may indicate.

Respectfully yours

G. Lindemann Esq.
Cincinnati
Ohio

April 28 /75

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst. I herewith return the duplicate Statements of Bullion operations in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint for January and February 1875. enclosed in your letter, together with a corrected Statement for each of those months, and a copy of a letter from the Melter & Refiner, explaining the discrepancies in those first sent.

Very Respectfully
A. Loudon
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 29 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of Twenty nine thousand dollars ($29.000) to meet expenditures of this Mint for the month ending May 31. 1875. out of the following appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Salaries	$4.000
Wages	20.000
Contingencies	5.000

If the draft for May can be forwarded as early in the month, as was done in April. it will be a special accommodation. that will be appreciated.

Very Respectfully
J. A. R. Lolo
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Apr 29 5

Messrs Kenney & Bro
Genlm

One of your samples is quartz dotted with mica (very much like gold) — the other is sulphide of iron.

Yours respy
J. W. Powell
Supdt.

Ladonia
Texas

Apr. 29 5

Sir

What you sent is a piece of zinc.

Yours resp'y

Jas Pollock

Supd't.

Mr James H. Rees
Keyserlitz
Commercial Sec
Ca Rea

April 30

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month ending April 30. 1875

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 30 5

Sir

I herein send you three counterfeit 5 cent nickel pieces, found in the coins of that denomination deposited for redemption. They were found yesterday and shown me this morning. The deposit in which they were found came from New York City, principally from that made by the N. Y. Ri Baking Co. Three of the number inclosed bear date 1876 on two of them eleven stars, and on the other 13 stars. You will see on examination that one of the pieces with eleven stars has the reverse like a medal, that is when turned vertically the

reverse is up side down, the other piece of 11 stars turns like the genuine coin. The edges of the counterfeits are square, the edge of the genuine slightly rounded. On the obverse of the genuine the feather end and the head or dart of the arrow as they emerge from the shield form an acute angle ⊱; in the counterfeits they are spread about the 1/32 of an inch, thus ⊱ The other counterfeit has 13 stars, with the same marks as above described. These counterfeits are well calculated to deceive, and are dangerous. The supposition is that they are made in Birmingham or Manchester and sent here to parties engaged in this traffic. Would it not

be well to hand these to Mr. Elmer, Washburn, Chief of the Secret Service, for examination and enquiry. Some parties in New York are doing a large business either in making or circulating these counterfeits. They should be looked after sharply and promptly.

I enclose copy of a letter from Mr Du Bois on the same subject, suggesting other differences between the counterfeit and genuine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 30 5

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result

Gold	$840. 825. 49
Silver	626. 639. 67
Ord yo regular	13. 826. 72
Minor coinage	87. 393. 44
" coins Exchanged	1. 265. 67
" " Re-issued	17. 525. 00
" coinage Redemption	52. 625. 85
	$1640. 101. 84

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint.
and the institution was found
to be in good working order.
and its business conducted
in a careful and satisfactory
manner.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 1. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 1. 5

Sir.

Your letter of the 25th of April last to the P. M. of this City, was handed to me to day for reply.

The Mint tests ores only for gold and silver, but as we are very busy at this time, it would several weeks before we could assay any samples you might send us. Mint charge is $5. for each assay in advance. The Mint does not buy ores, only receives gold and silver on deposit. Messrs. Booth and Garrett, Chant. St. this city. Assayers, would test your ore promptly.

Yours Respty

[illegible]

Supt.

Mr. Wm. H. Eagle.
Millville. Pa

May 1st 5

Sir.

Yours of the 30th ults. (S.G.) regarding the recoinage of $14.097.50 light gold Coin from the Asst Treasurer here and the adjusting of the loss thereon, is received, and your instructions will be complied with in the next Transcripts, that for April having been forwarded at the close of business on the 30th.

The sum of $1469.25, the net result of $1487.50 transferred to the Asst Treasurer April 28th should appear in the Transcript forwarded yesterday but was left out under the impression that it was included in one transfer instead of two, two assays having been made of the $15.580— received.

The corection will be made in the next Transcript.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

May 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith forward, Statement of Minor Coins Re-deemed. Reissued and Exchanged during the month of April 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 1 '70

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during the month of April 1870 for the Secretary of the Treasury, which please forward to its destination

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bowell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

May 5

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst. has been recvd.

In accordance with your instructions, I have handed the sample of ore, sent by you to the Mint, to Messrs. Booth & Garrett, of this city, who will assay the same, and report to you.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Mr.
G. Lindeman
Cincinnati
Ohio

May 5th 75

Sir.

Enclosed I forward my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for April 1875, and the vouchers.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 5 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the [illegible]th inst, with regard to the co[illegible]letion and cost of the "Metis" [illegible]dal, the Engraver informs [illegible]e that the model is now on the reducing machine, and he expects to be able to strike the medals by about the end of the first week in June. The cost of the medal if struck in gold will be about one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) in coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 6 60

Sir

During your late visit here I had some conversation with you on the subject of vault room for the Mint and U. S. Sub Treasury of this City. We are so deficient in vault room in this institution that we have great trouble to deposit our bullion and coin! and if the coinage of subsidiary silver coin continues the trouble will be greatly increased. The vaults of the Sub Treasury here and in other cities, are barely sufficient for the ordinary and daily business of their depositories. To meet in some degree this want of vault room, it

-has been suggested, and was part of our conversation, that one or more vaults in the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. building in this city, be rented by the Government for the use of the U.S. Sub Treasury here for the storage of the Subsidiary Silver Coinage now being coined in this Mint. During the annual assay yourself and Mr. Roy. Comptroller of the Treasury, visited the Guarantee Trust building, and examined its vaults. You were satisfied, after such examination, that they were equal, if not superior for safety and security in every particular to any vault in this or any other country. And this is certainly true. I have recently corresponded with the President of the Company on this subject. To

ascertain size, rents &c. I enclose
a copy of this letter as to size and
capacity of vaults. Each vault
is capable of storing from 5 to
8 millions of dollars subsidiary
coins, and their employment (one
or two) would afford the room
necessary, and relieve all of the
responsibility of the pressure that
must come upon them. Either
of the vaults can be rented now
for a sum not exceeding $5000, or
$6000. per annum, and the entire
control transferred to the Asst
Treasurer. The price asked is
not excessive considering the
character of the buildings, the
superior size, quality and cost
of the vaults. There cannot
be any legal objections to their
use as part of the Asst Treasury
of the United States in this city.

I earnestly commend this subject to your favorable consideration, and that of the Secretary of the Treasury; and hope that the vaults may be secured at once for the purpose ~~intended~~ indicated. Such action would be true economy and wise policy.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

May 6 5

Sir

One of your specimens is copper, partly metallic & partly mineralized; & if there is plenty of it, might be worth working.

The other is galena (or lead) in quartz. & gives no promise of any value.

Yours resp'y

[illegible]
Sup't.

Mr. T. H. Armstrong
Columbia Furnace, Va.

May 6 5

Sir

In compliance with your request I herewith forward you a proof Trade Dollar of 1875 in exchange for a Trade Dollar of 1874. enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6 5

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of the 5th inst, I have to state that Messrs, C. E. & F. Arnoldé, Gotha, Saxony, are the manufacturers of Porcelain pots such as is used in the nitric acid refinery of this Mint. Twenty five years ago, the Agent in Philadelphia, W. H. Schively, (who is now out of business, and his residence unknown to me,) had them forwarded to this country through John, A. Mullen & Co. Bremen. I presume they could still be imported through any of our merchants engaged in the Bremen trade.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 6

Sir

Referring to your inquiry of the 5th inst. I have to report that up to this date, I have received only one hundred and eighteen thousand five hundred and seventy five (118.575) ounces fine silver from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, on account of the five hundred thousand ounces (500.000) expected from that quarter, to be converted into subsidiary silver coinage.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6 5

Sir

We will be ready to ship on Friday or Saturday the Mecklenburg Medals, 200 silver and 1000 bronze metal. How and to whom shall we send them, and the bill? I presume, however they will be sent C.O.D.

I have modified the price at your suggestion, and will charge for the silver 60 cts. instead of 75 cts. and for the bronze 20 cts. instead of 25 cts. These prices will pay. Give me definite instructions as to the party to whom they are to be sent and by whom payment is to be made.

Shall we add to the bill the price of the die, or send

Mr. Barbers bill separately.

Very respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 7 0

Sir.

Your letter of the 4th inst, in relation to the number of employees in your Department, male and female, the increase necessary and decrease that could be made, has been recvd.

The effective force of the Mint, sufficient to meet all the demands for coinage, must be preserved.

In your letter you say "that the force at present employed in the ~~Assay~~ Adjusting Room is in excess of our requirements." You will therefore report to me the number, in yor opinion, in excess of our needs, and the names of those who can be discharged without injury to the public service.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

J. L. Snowden Esq
Coiner

May 7 65

Dear Sir.

Your note of the 6th inst has been received.

We never had a Photograph of the mask of Washington in this city; nor did I ever know of one here or elsewhere.

We had made some years ago a photograph from a cast of the head of Oliver Cromwell taken a few hours after his death. and I presume it is this photograph to which you refer. This was taken by M. P. Simmons. Photographer. 1320 Chestnut St this city, and he may have some now on hand. If you desire that photograph I will enquire of Mr. Simmons and [illegible]

[illegible] Washington. D.C.

May 7 5

Sir

The printed regulations for the government of this Mint having very generally disappeared from the walls of the institution where they had been posted for the information of officers and employees, and having none left I prepared to print a new edition on cardboard, and enforce them.

With that end in view. I herewith submit for your consideration, a revised set of rules with some slight change which if they meet your approval. I will thank you to sign and return to me, for the purpose stated. They

harmonize with the general regulations as laid down in your pamphlet edition.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 8th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty (22.350) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and oblidged

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. J. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

May 8 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage at this Mint for week ending May 8. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 8 5

Sir

The pamphlet referred to in the Bills of Mr Stevens, was duly received here, and was sent under a general request, made long ago, to send my publication of particular value to the Mint.

Some parts of this work have an interest for us. The price, as you will see, is very small.

I herewith return the Bills, as directed.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supdt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 10th 5

Sir.

The amounts named in yours of the 8th inst as the sums due to this Mint on a/c. of Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875 correspond with the account at this institution.

For Wages of Workmen	32.333.34
" Contingent Expenses	32.322.32
" Artesian Well	10.000.00

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pond

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 10 65

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst stating that you had forwarded by Express $50. new silver (50 ℔) to be exchanged for fifty Trade Dollars, has been received. The money has also come to hand.

I forward to you to day by Adams Express, the fifty Trade Dollars requested.

Very Respectfully
Jos Wilson
Supt

Hon. A. U. Wyman.
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

May 10 [illegible]

Sir

Our Melter & Refiner informs me that he will have worked up all the silver in the Weigh Clerks hands by Tuesday. (To morrow) the 11th inst.

In calling your attention to this letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, I have to add that we are ready to receive and work up the balance of the fine silver expected from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

May 10 —

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter to me from our Melter & Refiner, under date of the 7th inst. stating that he would require about a dozen new porcelain pots, to expand our rate of refining gold and silver by nitric acid. To meet the probable demand upon us within the coming year.

As you are about ordering some of these pots for the Mint at San Francisco, I have to request that you will direct the purchase of a dozen of them for this Mint also, payable out of our appropriation for contingent expenses.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 10 5

Sir,

I submit for your consideration a copy of a letter from our Master & Refiner with regard to losses in refining Tathams silver, and the experiments made to test its quality.

Mr. Booths suggestion that to protect the Government, he be allowed in some cases to deduct more than ~~two~~ from such silver, strikes me as very proper, and I hope will meet your sanction and approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 10 &

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. states that the word "Mecklenburg" was spelled Mechlenburgh on the specimen of the medal sent to you a few days ago, and asking as to the authority of such spelling &c. has been received.

As the devices and legends had been sent to Mr. Barber, I had no knowledge of their details until Mr. Barber brought to me about the 20th of April a drafts of the medal on paper, obverse and reverse, of the size proposed, with the legends, devices &c. which I forwarded to you for your examination. This was returned in your

letter of April 24th 1875. with your approval. In same note you corrected the date on reverse, changing 1774 to 1775.

The word Mecklenburg in that draft was spelled Mechlenburgh. and in the note returning it written by yourself, the word was spelled with a final h. burgh. The error commenced with Mr Barber, and he says that finding his draft approved, and the word spelled in your note with a final h. he thought it all right. It was an unintentional error, but I directed at once its correction. Mr. Barber prepared a new reverse die with Mecklenburg correctly spelled.

The metals prepared will not be sent, and we will send the full number thus corrected. to day

by Express to Hon. William Johnston, Charlotte. N. C. as directed.

I regret the error, but its correction has been so promptly made, that the medals, with the bill for same, will reach the parties by the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 10 [illegible]

Sir

Your note of the 6th inst has been received.

When we clear up a little confusion between the mask and the bust we understand all you have said and quoted about "Houdon's Washington."

The bust which is in the Mint cabinet was copied either from another bust, or directly from the mask taken by Houdon.

The mask never was in the Mint.

The profile of this bust was engraved for a work on medals, and was also placed on a medal of Washington. We suppose it was first photographed for such purposes, but

but we have no copies.

We have this medal in bronze, price one dollar, a most beautiful medal, and more desirable than a photograph.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

John Goforth, Esq
Department of Justice
Washington
D.C.

May 10 5

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find the "Mecklenburg Medal" in bronze, sent to you by request of Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint for the New York Daily Graphic.

Will send you in a few days a twenty cent piece, adopted design, for photograph by Graphic process, for the same paper.

Yours Respectfully
J. D. Bell
Supt

J. D. Bell. Esq.
Artist.
Office Daily Graphic.
New York.

May 10 5

Sir,

The examination of the two double-eagle pieces sent by you, makes us remember that there is always something to learn. Our experts have been considerably puzzled, to know why these much-abused pieces should yet be so near the true weight. One is light 1½ grains, the other only ¾ grain. They are genuine, and are neither filled nor sweated. By a close Mint valuation they are worth $39.90. Being so spoiled as to be incapable of circulation we retain them and forward the value, by Expy. D.

It is most likely that the corrugation, which is not all over the surface, has been done by taps of a small hammer, not directly on the coin, but on some soft metal overlaying it, probably to obtain an impression.

Respectfully yours

[illegible] Supt.

Vanaven Jr. Esqr.
U.S. Asst. Treasurer Boston, Mass.

May 11 5

Sir.

I forward you to day by Adams Express Co. $14.00 gold coin. the proceeds of a small silver bar belonging to Senator Merrimon of North Carolina. sent to this Mint by Express, by you, as per your letter of the 5th inst.

Enclosed find statement of weight. fineness &c. of same.

Very Respectfully
W C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 12 5

Mr Wm Holzer - Dear Sir

112 [illegible]

Your bills against the Mints at San Francisco, and Carson City, for glass apparatus, are so high, that I do not feel warranted in sending them, without a reduction. I object chiefly to the charges for the large pipettes, and the stopcocks. For the former we paid you $3.50 each, which was a high price; now charged $4.00. The stopcocks, for which you charge $2.50 each, can be had at Bullock & Crenshaw's for $1.25. Please let me have your answer.

Yours truly

Jas Ruby

Supd.

May/12 5

M. G. McConnell Esq

Sir

The present Mint Laws do not establish any fixed relative value, between our gold and silver coins. Consequently the value of the trade dollar is a shifting quantity, and can only be found in commercial reports.

The former silver dollar weighed 412½ grains at 900 fine. The trade dollar, 420, at 900. This will show you the proportion of the two. The former dollar had also no fixed commercial value; it was however a legal tender ~~of~~ for one dollar, if any one chose to pay it. The choice was to pay in gold, if specie was demanded. Since then, the value of silver has ~~greatly~~ considerably fallen.

Respy yours

J. W. Powell
Capt.

53. So 10. St
Phila

May 12 5

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst, asking thickness and diameter of the Draper medal, has been received.

The diameter will be the same as No 30, as marked on our Medal List "Prof Agassiz" equal to 1 7/8 inches.

The thickness I expect will be 3/16 inch, measuring the edge including both mouldings; but this will be regulated by the limit of gold ordered to be used.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

May 12 8

Sir

James R. Snowden, Esq. late Director of this Mint, desires to purchase certain bronze medals on our Medal List, Nos 2. 3. 16. 26. & 28. He wishes to present them to some of his friends, and asks if we can let him have them at less than the list price, which $1.50 each. say $1.00. each. which is above cost.

With your approval I will comply with his request, and take voucher accordingly.

Please let me hear from you.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

May 13th 5

Sir.

Your Statement of my a/c. of Gold Coin to April 22d is received, and on examination is found to be correct.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Colwell
Superintendent

W. G. White Esq
Actg Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

May 13 5

Sir

I herewith forward for your information a copy of a letter to me from our Melter and Refiner, under date of the 12th inst, enclosing a tabular statement of the results of the assay of silver figs of invoice No. 4. received by transfer from New York. Assay Office. and the heavy loss thereon.

I enclose a copy of the Statement, and will furnish a copy to Mr. Bonzano, also.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Moore
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

May 14 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 12th inst. I made examination of the porcelain jars in the refinery of this Mint, but there is no name or mark on them to indicate their origin.

I have also examined the Mint correspondence without success; the two letters you particularly refer to, (one of them written by yourself) gave no clue to the name or location of the manufacturer or importer.

Prof. Booth informs me, however, that they were all ordered by himself of Messrs. Weiss & Schively, afterwards W H Shively, & Co. Front St. Philadelphia, who went

out of business some years ago. He gave his last order only upon condition that they would give him the name and location of the manufacturer. In this way he got the address of C. E. & F. Arnoldi, Gotha, Saxony, which I sent you on the 6th inst.

I made inquiry on this subject, this morning, of Messrs. Powers & Weightman, of this city, who kindly loaned me for an hour, an illustrated catalogue, in German, issued by the Messrs. Arnoldi, in 1864. A copy of the title page is herewith enclosed. They are the only parties of whom Powers & Weightman procured porcelain, and other ware, for their own use, and they say it takes about a year to get an order filled. Very

Very Respectfully

Jno. B. Hardy

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 14 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith transmit the plans for the proposed alteration of the rear of the Mint building to secure the erection of two (2) annealing furnaces with the specifications for the same, and the bids received under these specifications through John McArthur Jr. Architect, for your examination, decision and transmission to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department. Although the appropriation is not available before the commencement of the next fiscal year June 30/1895 yet arrangements could be made, and the work commenced before that time

time, which is very desirable

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Wood

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington

D.C.

May 14 5

Sir

I have received your letter (N.V.) of the 23 d of April, ultimo, via San Francisco, to which place it had been misdirected, requiring quarterly returns hereafter to the Supervising Architect of Furniture and Fixtures in this Mint. These returns will be cheerfully made as requested.

The blanks mailed to me at the same time with your letter, were received next day, and their receipt duly acknowledged.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Hon. Chas. F. Conant
Asst Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington. D.C.

May 1 1865

Sir

On the 7th inst I enclosed for your examination and approval, if in accordance with your views, a paper containing "General Regulations of the Mint" here to

They are in full harmony with the General Rules &c of the U. S. Mint. I wish to have them placed in every room, and have them enforced. The Regulations heretofore placed in the rooms have been removed or destroyed.

If you approve please signify your approval as early as convenient, so that the Regulations may be placed where all can see and know what is required of them.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

May 1[illegible] [illegible]

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst. offering to supply the Mint with charcoal, was received this morning.

We pay Eighteen (18) cents per bushel for the best charcoal, delivered in the Mint building, in lots of from 50 to 100 bushels at a time, as we need it. We cannot receive it in any other way, for want of storage room. We have an abundant supply of the best quality, on these terms.

Yours [illegible] fully
Respectfully
[illegible]

Mr. A. Knapp.
West Penn.
Schuylkill Co.

May 18 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 15. 1875.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 10 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed herewith I have forwarded.

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production. deposited during the month of April. 1875.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of April 1875.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of April 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

[illegible]

[illegible] sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made at the Mint in Double Eagles of full weight prior to removal: the sweeps deliverable here without expense to the Mint.

Your bid is desired previous to the 24th inst.

Nos 1 to 10 - [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gold 16,909	Silver	[illegible]
" 11 - 20 - [illegible]	"	"	" [illegible]	"	[illegible]
" 21 - 30 - [illegible]	"	"	" 13,113	"	[illegible]
" 31 - 43 - 5213	"	"	" 4,610	"	[illegible]
" 44 - 50 - [illegible]	"	"	" 3,166	"	[illegible]
" 51 - [illegible]	"	"	" 6,020	"	[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The [illegible] value of the Gold is $1020.00
Do Do Silver . 1054.07
Total $2,074.57

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
The perintendent

Dr: Jos: Farnum
253 So 16th St
Phila Pa

May 15th 5

Gentlemen;

I submit herewith statement of Sixty three (63) barrels Mint Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made at the Mint in Double Eagles of free weight prior to removal; the sweeps deliverable here without expense to the Mint.

Your bid is desired previous to the 24th inst.

Nos 1 to 10	3865 Lbs	contains	Gold 16,909	Silver	160.67
" 11 " 20	3866 "	"	" 10,265	"	31.78
" 21 " 30	3955 "	"	" 13,183	"	132.09
" 31 " 43	5213 "	"	" 4610	"	179.46
" 44 " 53	4123 "	"	" 3,866	"	210.91
" 54 " 63	4123 "	"	" 6,020	"	156.98
	25,150 Lbs	"	Std Ozs 54,853	Std Ozs	927.59

The coin value of the Gold is $[illegible]
Do Do Silver " [illegible]
Total $[illegible]

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Mess. Spear & Howard
No 1 John St
New York.

May 15th 5.

[illegible]

Gentlemen;

I submit herewith statement of sixty three (63) barrels Mint Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made at the Mint, in Double Eagles of full weight prior to removal; the sweeps deliverable here without expense to the Mint. Your bid is desired previous to the 24th inst.

Nos 1 to 10	3865 Lbs	contains	Gold	16.909	Silver	160.07
" 11 . 20	3866	"	"	10.265	"	81.76
" 21 . 30	3955	"	"	13.183	"	138.04
" 31 . 43	5213	"	"	4.610	"	179.23
" 44 . 53	4123	"	"	3.866	"	210.91
" 54 . 63	4128	"	"	6.020	"	156.98
	25.150 Lbs	"	Std Ozs.	54.853	Std Ozs.	927.59

The coin value of the Gold is $ [illegible]
do do Silver " [illegible]
Total $ [illegible]

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Sons
38 & 40 Walnut St
Newark
N.J.

May 15th 5

[illegible] Gold [illegible]

Gentlemen. Do Silver [illegible]

I submit herewith statement of sixty three (63) barrels mint sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment for the same to be made at the mint in Double Eagles of full weight prior to removal; the sweeps deliverable here without expense to the mint. Your bid is desired previous to the 24th inst.

Nos 1 to 10	- 3865	Lbs	contains	Gold	16.909	Silver	[illegible]
" 11 " 20	- 3866	"	"	"	10.265	"	81.[illegible]
" 21 " 30	- 3955	"	"	"	13.183	"	138.04
" 31 " 43	- 5213	"	"	"	4.610	"	179.[illegible]
" 44 " 53	- 4023	"	"	"	3.866	"	210.[illegible]
" 54 " 63	- 4028	"	"	"	6.020	"	156.[illegible]
	25.150 Lbs			Stdgs	54.853	Stdgs	927.[illegible]

The coin value of the Gold is $1020.52

Do Do Silver . 1154.07

Total $2174.59

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Mess E. Balbach & Sons

233 River St

Newark

N.J.

May 15th 5

Gentlemen,

I submit herewith statement of Sixty three (63) barrels mint sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested. Payment for the same to be made at the Mint in Double Eagles of full weight prior to removal; the sweeps deliverable here without expense to the Mint. Your bid is desired previous to the 24th inst.

Nos 1 to 10	3165 Lbs	contains	Gold	16,919	Silver	162.67
" 11 . 20	3166	"	"	10,265	"	32.78
" 21 . 30	3955	"	"	13,183	"	138.04
" 31 . 43	5203	"	"	4,610	"	179.23
" 44 . 53	7023	"	"	3,166	"	210.90
" 54 . 63	4128	"	"	6,020	"	158.92
	25,150 Lbs	"	Sold	54,853	Sold	927.59

31 John St

New York

May 15th 5

Sir;

I submit herewith [illegible] of sixty three (63) bands Mint Sweeps for which your bid is respectfully requested.

Payment for the same to be made at the Mint in Double Eagles of full weight prior to removals the sweeps deliverable here without expense to the Mint.

Your bid is desired previous to the 24th inst.

Nos.	10 - 3865 Lbs	contains	Gold	16,909	Silver	160.67
" 11	" 25 - 3866	"	"	10,265	"	84.76
" 21	" 30 - 3955	"	"	13,183	"	132.04
" 31	" 43 - 5213	"	"	4,610	"	179.23
" 44	" 53 - 4123	"	"	3,866	"	210.91
" 54	" 63 - 4128	"	"	6,020	"	156.98
	25,150 Lbs	"	Ozs	54,853	Ozs	927.59

The coin value of the Gold is $[illegible]
Do. Do. Silver [illegible]
Total $[illegible]

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent.

M. B. Dodge Esq.
21 Broad St
New York.

May 17 6

Sir

Yours of the 14th inst was recd this A.M.

The first coinage of cents by the United States Govt was in 1793; although cents, or pennies, were struck by the Colonies previous to that year.

Very Resp'ty

[illegible]

Mr.
J. A. Whittemore. P.M.
Sumter
S.C.

May 17 5

Sir

I send you this day by Express five silver and twenty five bronze Mecklenburg medals, as requested in your letter of the 14th inst. The $2.50 gold was received and paid to the Coiner for the silver medals. The medals now sent will form no part of our medal account, and therefore no vouchers are required.

I received this morning your telegram ordering 500 more silver Mecklenburg medals to be prepared and sent so as to reach Charlotte by the 20th inst if possible. We are at them now and hope to be on time.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

May 17 5

Sir

Before replying to your communication of the 15th inst. in which you say "This provision, Section 9 of the Coinage Act of 1873, seems to have been disregarded at your Mint" I will be greatly obliged if you will inform me when and by whom this law and the Regulations framed thereon, have been disregarded. I will then be able to answer intelligently and fully.

As I have not to my knowledge disregarded this provision of the law, I presume you do not refer to me.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Supt

May 17 5

Sir

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury b/x of this date from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in my favor for twenty five thousand ($20.000) Dollars, on account of profits on Minor Coinage, which I will thank you to forward to its destination

Very Respectfully

Jas Pleasy
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 18 6

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst has been received.

The dies for the 20 cent pieces have been completed. The delay of a few days has occurred in preparing the presses. tubes. nippers &c for the coin. All these are now finished, and we will commence striking them today. We will be able to send you tomorrow the number you ordered.

The dies for the Mints at San Francisco and Carson are finished, as ordered, and will be forwarded at once.

Very Respectfully

Hon. W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 19[illegible]

Hon. M. R. Leverman
Director of the Mint
Now at New York

Sir:

As requested in your telegram of this morning, I send you by Express today (C. O. D.) over N. Y. Army Office, [illegible] the [illegible] Coin - Value of [illegible] in Coin

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

May 19 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 18th inst. I herewith forward a copy of the correspondence between the Melter & Refiner of this Mint and the Melter & Refiner of the Mint at Carson, with regard to deductions on Government purchases of unparted silver bullion, together with copy of Prof Booths accompanying letter of this date.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20th 0

Sir

It is estimated that 50 of each form of the improved Abstract Sheets will be sufficient for the use of this Mint for the next fiscal year.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 20 5

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you one silver twenty cent piece (adapted design) for photograph by Graphic process for Daily Graphic. Sent by request of Dr Linderman, Director of the Mint.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

J. D. Bell Esq
Artist Office
Daily Graphic
New York.

May 20 5

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst. in relation to the absence of operative officers, was received.

The 9th section of the coinage act of 1876, undoubtedly required the appointment by the Superintendent, with the consent of the officers intending to be absent, of some one to act in his place, during such absence. This however cannot be construed to mean an absence of a day or part of a day, or, as you state, less than two days, but of longer continuance.

Now although some of our operative officers are more frequently, and longer absent

in business hours from their respective offices than is desirable, yet they are but seldom absent two days at a time. The present absence of the Coroner in the west he having left on Saturday the 28th inst and returned this morning being one of the exceptions. The general absence of which I report never without asking my permission. But however much I regret such absences, yet the question arises whether under existing laws any one should be appointed to act in their place during such absence exceeding two days, and such appointments be reported under the 9th section of the Coroners Act of 1878.

The Coroners Act of 1878 makes no provision for an Assistant

Melter & Refiner, Assistant Coiner, or Assistant Assayer, and therefore the necessity for a special appointment in case of absence.

Now, by the Act of June 20. 1874, and the Act of March 3. 1875, making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875, and June 30. 1876, those officers were created for this Mint, the salaries fixed, and are now, and have been for nearly a year, filled and held by parties duly appointed by the proper authorities, and in the absence of their principals, temporarily or otherwise, perform the duties of their respective offices. Special appointments, it would thus seem, have thus been superceeded by general

appointments under a law which fully provides for the contingencies of the said 9th Section. so far as relates to special appointments in this Institution.

The right of an Assay Master Refiner, Assay Boiler, or Assay Assayer to act in the place of his Principal during his absence, has been always recognized here.

The law then, as I understand it, has not been disregarded. Want of attention and attendance on the part of some Operatives officers, and too much time occupied by private business, in business hours, are faults that should be remedied.

In the case of the Superintendent his Chief Clerk acts for him during his absence by express provision.

If the law is as I have stated how can special appointments be made when the law has already provided an Assistant duly and legally appointed to act in the place of the absent principal, and perform his duties, and how can it be disregarded by omitting such appointments? For example, suppose I should in the absence of the Coiner, and with his consent appoint some one connected with the Mint, other than the duly appointed Assistant, to act for him during such absence, would not such appointment be illegal and create a conflict of authority?. And if I should appoint the Assistant in such contingency, how could such appointment add to the power to act he already

1.

possesses?.

These positions are respectfully submitted for your consideration, and to vindicate myself against even a seeming disregard of the said 9th Section of the Coinage Act of 1878. If however you should differ from me, I will cheerfully comply with your directions.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Capt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 5

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry, The Act of 1857 provided for a cent of 72 grains. composed of 88 per cent. copper, & 12 per cent. nickel.

The act of 1864 changed the weight of the cent to 48 grs., & the composition to 95 per cent. copper, remainder tin and zinc; making a bronze alloy. No change since.

The same law provided for a two-cent piece, same composition, double weight. Discontinued by Act of 1873.

The act of 1865 provided for a three-cent piece to weigh 30 grains, with allowed deviation of 4 grains, composed of three-fourths copper, one fourth nickel. Practically we use 32 grains, 30 being too thin to strike well. No change since.

The act of 1866 provided for a five-cent

piece of 5 grams, or 77⅙ grains, composed of three fourths copper, one fourth nickel (or not to exceed one-fourth.) No change since.

By the act of 1873, the silver half dollar, which had previously been 192 grains, was increased to twelve grams, or 192.9 grains. The quarter dollar and dime in proportion. All of the fineness of nine-tenths silver.

The silver five and three cent pieces continued to be struck until 1873 (inclusive) but only as specimens. They ceased in 1873.

The former silver dollar, 412½ grains, ceased to be coined, by act of 1873; and in place thereof, a trade dollar was issued, weighing 420 grains, and nine-tenths fine. It is intended only for foreign trade, and is intrinsically worth 108.8 cents in new halves, or 109.4 in old halves; but it has a variable commercial value.

Respectfully yours.

[illegible]
Supdt.

Thomas D. Barton Jr.
Buffalo. N.Y.

May 23 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 19th inst. I have to day forwarded the Chilton collection of coins to Geo Wigg. New Orleans. La. by the Adams Express Company, and herewith enclose the duplicate receipt.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 [illegible]

Sir

The Melter [illegible] informs me his report of [illegible] ations for the m[illegible] of [illegible] will be completed very [illegible] Mr. Lyle was engaged upon it when your inquiry of the 19th inst came to hand.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 24th of April, ultimo, I have this day mailed to J. D. Bell, Esq. Artist, Office Daily Graphic, New York, one twenty cent silver piece, for photograph by the Graphic process.

I also forwarded to Mr. Bell, three days since, one copy of the Mecklenburg medal, as requested by your telegram of the 8th inst.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Paleski

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

May 21 [illegible]

Sir

Upon the Coiners nomination, herewith forwarded, I have appointed Thomas. R Jefferson, as a Roller in the Coiners department of this Mint, from the 1st of June 1875, at $2.91 per diem, vice Jacob Lower resigned, and submit the same for your approval, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

May 21 [illegible]

Lieu

I have transferred Theodore Hackett, Laborer in the general department of this Mint at $2.75 per diem. to the Rolling Room. in the Boilers department at the same per diem. this Transfer to date from June 1. 1875.

I have also appointed Samuel. Wylie. Hunter. as Laborer in the general department at $2.75 per diem. from the 1st day of June 1875. vice Theodore Hackett transferred to the Rolling Room. Mr. Hunter is specially recommended by Hon. Chapman Freeman. of this city. M. C. elect from the Third

Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

I submit the above transfer and appointment for your consideration, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 21 5

Sir

Referring to the enclosed copy of a letter from Jacob L. L. Schirmer, Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver dated May 5. 1875. I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, a/d. of this date, No. 2187. from the Asst Treasurer U S at Philadelphia in Mr. Schirmers favor for $164.46 coin. on account of deductions on bullion deposited at the Denver Mint, first quarter 1875. The duplicate has been mailed to Mr. Schirmer. No triplicate was received

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum. No 517.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint.

May 21 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 8th of May inst. I herewith forward to you duplicate b/d. of this date No. 2187. in your favor, from the Asst Treasurer. U.S. at Philadelphia, for $164.00 coin. on a/c of deductions on bullion deposited at the Denver Mint, first quarter. 1875. The original has been mailed to the Secy of the Treasury, through the Director of the Mint, as requested. No triplicate was issued. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No 517.

I have to request that you will mail me an acknowledgement of the enclosed b/d.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Jacob L. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer. U.S. Mint. Denver.

May 22 8

Sir

Having myself the 3d Annual Report of the Director of the Imperial Mint, Osaka. Japan. I herewith return the copy you sent me on the 18th inst, with thanks for the same.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

May 22 5

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst, has been received.

If your Trade Dollars of 1874 are uncirculated, and as good as new, you could doubtless exchange them for an equal number of Trade Dollars of 1875, by applying to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, or to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office. This would save Expressage both ways, such exchanges are outside of our order of business.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Isaac Honig.
No 111 Broadway.
New York.

May 22 6

Sir

I have frequent applications for copies of the Mecklenburg medal, which of course I cannot furnish.

This leads me to think that perhaps it might be well to have it placed on our list of public medals, to be manufactured and sold for the benefit of our medal fund, in silver and in bronze. If the proposition strikes you favorably, I suggest that you correspond with the Mecklenburg authorities, and if possible procure their assent to the arrangement.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

May 22 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Briefs Weekly Reports of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending May 22 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

May 24 5

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst has been received.

I feel quite sure, both from your description and from the locality, that the mineral you speak of is nothing more than particles of iron pyrites and mica, which look a good deal like gold dust. But for your better satisfaction, you can send a sample to some private assayer of ores, as we have not time now to attend to it. Prof. Genth. of the University of Penna. or Booth & Garrett, Chant St. of this city, would make the examination, if you chose to communicate with either.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Collins

Supt.

Rev. P. J. Buehl.

Massillon, Ohio

May 24th 75

Sir

You have been appointed as a Roller in the Coiners department of this Mint. at $2.90 per day. to date from June 1. 1875.

You will subscribe to the enclosed oath. and report for duty on the above date. to the Coiner.

Very Respty

[signature]
Supt

Mr. Thos R. Jefferson.
Philadelphia

May 22nd 5

James Pc Booth Esq
Mullar & Rejoice

Sir

The following Rules in relation to absence of Operative Officers of the Mint will hereafter be observed.

1st Operative Officers will not absent themselves for more than one day, without previously notifying the Superintendent.

2nd When the absence is to exceed two days, a temporary appointment must be made by the Superintendent with the consent of the Operative Officer, and reported to the Director for his approval, as provided by the 9th Section of the Coinage Act of 1792.

By order of the Director, under date of the 22nd inst.

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

May 2nd 8

W. E. Du Bois Esq.
Assayer,
Sir:

The following Rules in relation to absence of Operative Officers of the Mint will hereafter be observed.

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By order of the Director, under date of the 22nd inst.

Jas. Ross
Superintendent

May 24th 6

A. London Snowden Esq
Coiner

Sir:

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By order of the Director, under date of the 22nd inst.

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

May 24th 5

William Barber Esq
Engraver,

Sir:

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By order of the Director, under date of the 22d inst.

Superintendent

May 27 75

Sir

Upon the recommendation of the boiler herewith inclosed, I have transferred Theodore Hackett, Laborer in the general department, at $2.75 per diem, to the Rolling room in the boilers department at the same compensation, and submit the same for your approval under the 9th section of the Coinage Act of 1873. This transfer to take effect June 1. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 24 6

Sir

I have this mooning received your letter of the 22d inst. prescribing certain Rules with regard to absence of operative officers &c.

While differing in opinion with regard to the Assistants, I am glad you have established the rules, and will see that they are observed in good faith.

I have given written notice of Rules Nos. 1. and 2 to each of the operative officers for their guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 24 5

Sir

I send you to day per the Adams Express Co. [illegible]s per the enclosed duplicate [illegible]ceipt, a sealed box containing [illegible] (6) Obverse, and six (6) Rever[illegible]ies for the twenty cent silver [illegible]in.

Advise me of their [illegible] arrival.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

O H Lagrange. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San-Francisco
Cal

Ma[illegible] 24 [illegible]

Sir

I [illegible]nd you to day [illegible] the Adam[illegible] Express bo, as [illegible] enclo[illegible] duplicate rec[illegible] sealed [illegible]ox containing [illegible] obver[illegible] and six (6) Rev[illegible]s for the twenty cent, silver coin

Advise me of their arrival

Very Respect[illegible]ly

[illegible]

Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson
Nev.

2

May 24 5

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. Six (6) Obverse, and six (6) Reverse dies for the twenty cent pieces to the Mint at San Francisco, and the same number to the Mint at Carson, and notified the respective Superintendents by mail.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 24 5

Sir,

I send you to day per the Adams Express Co, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, apparatus for your assay department, to order, to the amount of $34.50.

I also enclose herewith the receipted bill in triplicate, duly approved, of Wm. Holzer, 1128 Market St. Philadelphia. who furnished the articles.

You will please remit by sight draft to his order in my care.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Jr.

O. H. La. Grange. Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

May 24 8

Sir

I send you to day by the Adams Express bo. as per the enclosed duplicate receipt apparatus for your assay department, to order to the amount of $4.00

I also enclose herewith the receipted bill in triplicate, duly approved of Wm Holzer. 1128 Market St. Philadelphia. who furnished the articles.

You will please remit by sight draft to his order in my care.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

James. Crawford. Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

May 25th 5

Gentlemen

Your bid for the sixty three (63) Bundles Mint Sweepings is accepted,

Please remove them without delay, our storage room being inconvenientlly Crowded.

We shall shortly have a large lot of Sweepings, the assays of which will be duly sent you.

Very Respectfully Your

Supt

Messrs E. & Balbach & Son
233 River St
Newark
N. J.

May 25th 5

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the 63 Barrels Oberpinge being a little too low, I have to respectfully decline the same.

Will have another lot to offer you in a short time.

With thanks for your attention

Very Respectfully

Jas Boyd

Supt

R. Longman & Son

31 John St.

New York

May 25th 5

Sir.

Your offer for the 63 Bbls. Sweepings is declined.

Very Respy

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Dr. Jas. W. Farnum
253 So. 16th St
Philada

May 25th 5

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the 63 Bales Wrappings is respectfully declined.

With thanks for your attention

Very Respy

[illegible]
Supt

C. S. Dennis & Son
38 & 40 Walnut St
Newark
N. J.

May 25th 5

Gentlemen.

I beg to state that your offer for Sixty three Barrels Sweepings is respectfully declined. With thanks for your attention,

Very Respy

Supt

Spear & Howard
No. 1. John St.
New York

May 28 5

Sir

I herewith forward Statements of Gold and Silver Workings in the Coiners department of this Mint for the month of April 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

May 20 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed I forward, from the Secretary of the Treasury, bill of this date No. 2202. in my favor from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, for $7,952 coin, on account gold coinage charges to March 31. 1870. which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 25th 75

Statement of Recoinage of $10.529 light gold dollar pieces, being the amount found to be unfit for circulation in an invoice of $30000 – transmitted to the Mint for credit of the Bullion Fund, May 18th 1875.

Amount found unfit for circulation	$ 10.529.00
Net Value of the same recoined per Memorandum No. 526	10.445.58
Loss	$ 83.42

A. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 26 5

Dear Sir,

The slate, of which you send a specimen, is often found in coal, but does not necessarily indicate that coal is near by. That kind of prospecting is rather out of our line, and we suppose the only way for you to do, is to dig farther & see if you come to black stones, which when burned will go to ashes; which slates do not.

Resp'y yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
Jas. M. Rudasill
Edinburg
Va

May 26 8

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst. in reference to the twenty cent dies sent to San Francisco and Carson Mints, has been received.

The slight defect so far as possible was corrected in the dies sent. In the future the correction will be more perfect, in other words, the leg of the bagle made to appear more distinctly. When you were here the dies had been hardened and almost ready for shipment.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Wm. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

May 26th 75

Sir.

I forward to day my Bullion a/c's. and vouchers for the 1st. quarter 1875. The large amount of detail involved in settling and rendering these a/c's, together with the intervening daily work necessary to be kept up, must be my excuse for not having them in your hands at a much earlier date.

In consequence of the changes in the cost of Silver Bullion for Subsidiary Coin, I have adopted a new form of rendering these a/c's. I have made the Coin value of 803 75 ounces - $1000 - the basis of settlement, crediting the Melter & Refiner with ingots at this rate, and charging him with a temporary

profit

profit between the average cost value and the Coin value of the ingots made. This profit on ingots I think adjusts to the actual gain on the Coinage for the quarter, by a cross entry to the debit of Silver Profit & Loss, for the amount overcharged and overcredited on that portion of Ingots incoined.

The Silver for Bars and Trade Dollars are each in separate statements, disconnected from the other.

Very Respectfully, Yours

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 20 5

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst has been received.

By weight the old copper cents sent by you were short twenty three cents. by actual count not only by Experts, but on counting boards mathematically correct, they were short ten cents.

I enclose as requested the counterfeit one cent piece found and reported by our counters and Experts. It is brass, or bell metal, sand cast and easily detected.

As the report of the count has been sent to the U. S. Treasurer at Washington, and as we cannot correct the deficiency, I return herewith the eleven

cents sent by for that purpose. To make good the deficiency this sum must be sent by you to the Treasurer U. S. at Washington.

I herewith return the duplicate Report of examination and count of your deposit of old copper cents.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

L. Haven Jr. Esq
U. S. Asst Treasurer
Boston.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Dir. U. S. Mint.
Washington. D.C.

U. S. Mint. Philadelphia
May 26. 1875.

(Answer to telegram of this date)
(asking how many Porcelain Refining)
(Pots we had"

Sixteen perfect — Six slightly defective
total twenty two. (22)

J. A. Pollock
Supt.

May 27th 5

Gentlemen.

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday informing me that you have forwarded per Express $1042.84 in Double Eagles in payment of 63 Bro. Sweeps, and that you have ordered the Penna R.R. Co. to collect them.

I beg to inform you that the Express Co. this morning have presented a package marked $1042.— and on which they claim a charge of $1.25, and which of course I have declined to pay, the terms of the sale being that the Mint should be at no expense. As the package seems to be 84¢ short, I will thank you to remit that sum and also remove the charge for the sum $1042.84 —

Very Respy

J. W. Powell
Supt

Mess. E. Balbach & Son
233 River St
Newark
N.J.

May 27 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 25th inst has been received.

As we do not use or manufacture nickel bars such as you describe, we cannot furnish them to you. Perhaps Mr. Joseph Wharton. of Camden. N. J. manufacturers of nickel, will be able to supply the article required, or inform you where it can be obtained.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
P. & F. Corbin.
New Britain
Ct.

May 27 5

Dear Sir

Your note of the 20th inst. asking whether nickel coin can be made by this Mint for the Argentine Republic, has been received.

As the matter of coinage for foreign nations is entirely under the control of the Treasury Department. I have referred your letter to the Director of the Mint with request to bring the subject to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury and inform me as to the result. When reply is received will at once write you.

Edward Shippin. Esq
Consul. Argentine Republic
Phila.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

May 27 5

Sir

I enclose herein a communication received yesterday from Edward Shippin, Esq. Consul of the Argentine Republic, asking whether nicked coins can be made at this Mint for that Government.

As the subject is entirely under the control of the Treasury Department, I send the letter to you that you may bring the matter to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury, and inform me of the result.

I more than doubt the expediency of granting the request. Perhaps you can inform Mr. Shippin through me where and by whom such coinage could be executed

for that Government

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pelley

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 27 5

Sir

Your letter of the 26th inst, asking whether it would be practicable to spare temporarily twelve of our porcelain pots for the use of Prof. Rogers, at San Francisco, has been received.

I referred your letter to Prof. Booth, whose department is especially interested in this matter, and herewith enclose his reply. I concur in his views, and am of the opinion that we cannot spare the number required, or reduce our number without impairing the capacity of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 28 5

Sir

So far from "interfering;" you are doing good service to the public, and obliging me as a public officer, by bringing to my notice the specimen coin mentioned in your letter of the 26th inst. & two similar coins (of 1875) have been sent to me, and are in proper hands.

Being, as you say, better executed than the counterfeits dated 1874, and weighing within ¼ grain of the right weight, they are not easily detected; but a careful inspection shows defective lettering, and some other points of non-agreement.

A change from the shield to

a head on the obverse would not avoid trouble, or prevent counterfeiting, for the old rule comes in play. "What one man can do, another may do." and therefore the best security is to find out where these pieces are made, and arrest the business.

In the meantime I would request you not to detail this matter in the public press, which would have the effect of notice to the offenders, and enable them to avoid arrest.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
David Proskey.
57 Courtlandt St
New York

May 28 5

Dear Sir

In compliance with your request I have appointed Samuel Wylie Hunter as a Laborer in the general department of the Mint from the 1st of June proximo at $2.75 per diem, which appointment has been approved by the authorities at Washington as required by the new Mint Law.

As I have not Mr. Hunter's address, I have to request that you will notify him to report to me for duty on the 1st of June.

It will be necessary for him to take, and subscribe to, the enclosed oath of allegiance, and bring it with him.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Supt.

Wm. Chapman. Freeman.
Philadelphia

May 27 5

During my temporary absence from the Mint, at any time, during a longer period than two days, my Chief Clerk is authorized and requested to notify the Director of the Mint of that fact under the Rules with regard to absences, prescribed by the Director on the end of May, inst.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

303

May 28th 5

Gentlemen.

I have delivered to the Penna. R. R. Co. this day on your order sixty three Barrels Creeps, Nos 1 to 63.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock
Supt

E. Balbach & Son
233 River St.
Newark
N.J.

May 29 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith ~~Deforward~~, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending May 29, 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 31 65

Sir

Enclosed I send you as requested, five sets pattern twenty and silver pieces, fifteen pieces in all, cost three dollars in coin, Please remit amount.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H.R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 31 75

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month of May 1875.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegrams

June 1. 5

Dr. N. H. Lindermann
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
Average capacity of large
porcelain jars twenty six
gallons, or One hundred litres.

Jas Pollock
Supt

Pd Govt auto

May 31 5

Sir.

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$1.067.571.41
Silver	495.879.78
Ord a/c regular.	12.136.59
Minor Coinage	66.902.01.
" Coins Exchanged	1.265.67
" " Reissued	16.500.00
" Coinage Redemption.	53.291.22.
	$1.713.546.68.

which corresponds with his books

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the

institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1 1875

Sir

I herewith transmit for the files of your office, the oath of allegiance of the following employees of this Mint. appointed and transferred June 1. 1875.

Samuel Wylie Hunter. laborer. general department.

Thomas R. Jefferson. Roller. Coiners department.

Very Respectfully

J. Pollock

Supt.

June 1 5

Sir

The rock you send is a ferruginous limestone, with some minute crystalline specks, which probably took your attention. It is of no value.

Respectfully yours

J. A. Bolloch

Supdt.

Mr F. W. Austin
Thayer
Neosho Co
Kan.

Dec 1 8

Sir

Your Telegram enquiring the gallon capacity of our large porcelain jars, came [illegible] late to be answered yesterday.

These jars vary somewhat in size, but I have ascertained this morning that they have an average capacity of nearly twenty six (26) gallons, or one hundred (100) litres, and so informed you by telegraph. They are 19 inches in diameter at the bottom, 20 inches in diameter at the top, and 19 inches in height.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington

June 1 5

Sir.

I herewith transmit our Melter & Refiners Report of Bullion operations, and of Silver meltings during the month of April 1875, together with a copy of an explanatory letter from the Melter & Refiner, to which I invite your attention.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jun 1 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of April 26th. ultimo. I herewith transmit our Coiners Report of receipts of Gold and Silver Ingots, and deliveries of Gold and Silver Coin, Clippings, Chips and Condemned Lights for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874. and for the nine months ending March 31. 1875.

I also enclose copy of an accompanying letter of explanation from the Coiner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

June 1 8

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 29th ult I herewith encase a sketch of the "Horn-medal" with a note from Mr. Barber. The size of the medal prevents the insertion of the entire words of the Act of Congress. The Act says the medal is to be "in recognition and in commemoration of his heroic and humane exploits in rescuing men, women and children from drowning in the Detroit River." The inscription on the sketch sent omits the words "and in commemoration" also the words "and humane". Both these are redundant and

and can be omitted with great propriety. If they are to be added the size of the medal must be somewhat increased and consequently the cost. The sketch sent is artistic, and fully meets the requirements of the Act of Congress. It is submitted for your approval, or modification.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st June 5

Solomon Lemdor Esq.
New Orleans

Sir

In answer to your favor of the 28th of May. I would state that to receive in return One hundred trade dollars from the Mint. It will be necessary for you to send about ninety ounces of Silver Bullion of the fineness of our Silver coins 9/10 pure Silver.

You can send your bullion by Express and they will return you the dollars. The Express charges you will bear. Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

June 1 5

Sir

I herewith forward a letter from John McArthur, Jr. Architect of this City, transmitting proposals of Messrs Lewis Havens and Oliver Bradin, respectively, also herewith enclosed, for the additions required to the Mint building for annealing furnaces, in accordance with the amended plan, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

When a decision has been arrived at with regard to the proposals, please return these documents to me

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

June 1 8

Sir

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations at this Mint for the month ending Mar 31. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith
I forward, Statement of
Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued
and Exchanged at this Mint
during the month of May 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 2 5

Sir.

Your note, enclosing a rubbing of a proof 1/2 dollar of 1838. of the 1st inst. has been recvd.

The coin appears to be somewhat scarce. but for market price &c, you should inquire of any coin dealer of your city. Mr. Cogan could give you correct information.

The price of 20 ct silver pieces is 25 cts in silver, or 30 cts currency. for proof coins. Enclose stamps for return postage.

Yours Respectly
[signature]
Supt.

Mr. David Roskey,
New York.

June 5th 75

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for May 1875.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon. H. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 2 6

Sir.

Your postal card of the 30th ult. is recd.

The value of the coins you mention, to collectors, depends upon their scarcity condition &c. The Mint only redeems old copper cents in currency, on new minor coins. Cents for cents.

I enclose you card of a coin dealer in this city who can give you any information you desire.

Very Respctly
J. V. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
John A. B. Wall
Northumberland
Pa.

June 25

Sir

I send to day by Express the impression in way of the obverse and reverse of the Metal medal, as requested in your letter of the 20th inst. The way impression does not do justice to the dies, but it is the best we can do now, as you will see in the letter of the Engraver herewith inclosed.

The medal will be artistic and expressive.

Very Respectfully

Lieut

Hon.
E. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

June 5

Sir

The amended plan for new annealing furnaces for the Mint has been rejected by the authorities at Washington. and the original plan adopted.

Your proposal of May 13. 1875. to put up the addition according to the original plan, for the sum of Five thousand three hundred Dollars ($5,300.) has been accepted.

Please call at my office.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Oliver Bradin.
No. 110 So 20th St.
Philadelphia

June 3d 5

Samuel Gladding Esq
Philad.a Pa

Sir:

We have 103 defaced Steel dies and 6 Collars weighing about 57 pounds - And.

You are invited to examine the same before 12 O'clk M - until June 10th and make bid therefor.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Similar letter to

Mef Morgan & Orr
F. C. Lutz & Philadelphia

June 3 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 2d inst. I herewith mail you a correct report of Gold and Silver ingots delivered to the Coiner from July 1. 1876, to March 31. 1875. and his returns in coin. clippings &c.

I also enclose a copy of an explanatory letter furnished by the Coiner's Assistant; and herewith return, as requested, the erroneous report forwarded in your letter for correction.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

June 3 5 —

Sir

I have just received from the Boiners Department and herewith forward to you, the oath of allegiance of Annie E. Noble, Adjuster, dated June 26. 1874.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
Chas. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 4 5

Sir

I have duly received your letter of May 21st, requesting a re-assay of gold deposit No. 444. made by J. M. Watt, Cashier April 20. 1878, with a view to the correction of a discovered error.

The matter was at once referred to our Assayer, Mr Du Bois, whose explanation and apology, under date of the 3d inst I herewith enclose. The deficiency due on that deposit $9.04. he has forwarded to you in gold by the Adams Express Co. You will please advise me of its arrival.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Calvin. J. Cowles. Esq
Assayer. U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte N. C.

June 3. 1875

The Superintendent will oblige me by enclosing this apology to Mr. Loring, of the Charlotte Br. Mint. I cannot tell how it happened, that I omitted comparing the approximate & the regular assays, & consequently reported too low in gold, by 50 ms, and correspondingly too high in silver, by 50 ms, thus confirming the correctness of his assay but paying his depositor too little, by nine dollars & 4 cts. "7.04.

I believe this is the first time I have had to make a correction of this kind after passing with a multitude of figures & calculations & even this might have been avoided.

W. E. Du Bois
Assayer

P. S. I have rec'd this money from the Melter & Refiner, & send it to-day by Adams Express, in gold.

June 4 1880

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date, for the current month of June, as follows.

Wages	$32,333.34
Incidentals	32,822.82
Artesian Well	10,000.00

This covers the entire unexpended balance of our appropriations for the current fiscal year, the most of which will be needed. Whatever may not be used, will of course, be duly covered into the Treasury.

Very Respectfully,

A. A. Elliott
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 4 5

Sir

Enclosed I send you five setts of the silver pattern twenty cent piece, as requested in your letter of the 1st inst.

Fifteen pieces at 20 cts each = $3.00 coin, which with the former setts will make $6.00 coin.

I will not strike any for sale here.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

June 5th 5

O. H. LaGrange
Supt Mint U. S.
San Francisco
Cal

Telegraph the value of Ozs 118.575-18
Silver Bullion first shipped to me;
send statement by mail. None received

J. W. Powell
Superintendent

June 5 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Gold Workings in the Coiners Department for month of May 1875.

2. Statement of Silver Workings in the Coiners Department for month of May 1875.

3. Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 5. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
DC

June 5 1865

Sir

Enclosed I forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, Draft of this date No. 2248. in my favor from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for Twenty one cents (21 cts) on account of "gain on recoinage of gold coin from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Baltimore." which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 7 5

Mrs. F. R. Lundge.
Baltimore
Madam.

Your letter of the 5th inst has been recvd.

I am sorry to say that you were not rightly informed. We have melted a good many sovereigns of George III. and as that coinage began in 1816. your piece is a guinea (21 shillings) not a sovereign (20 shillings) and is therefore scarcer, but we have had plenty of these also.

A coin collector would probably give you some advance of price. as

guineas of 1794 unworn, are quite scarce now.

John P. Jes. Gorges. St Paul St. Baltimore. or Col. J. Cohen St Charles St. could give you any information on the subject you may desire.

Yours truly
[illegible]

I also enclose card of a coin dealer this city, to whom you can write for information, if you so desire.

June 7 75

Sir

I herewith forward our Melter & Refiners report of Bullion Operations, and also of Silver Melting, for the month of May 1875. Together with a copy of his accompanying letter of explanation, in which he states that his report of gold melting will be furnished in about two weeks. The report show a marked improvement in the working.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
W. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

June 7th 5

Sir

I have yours of the 5th S.G. returning Transcript No. 64, for correction.

You state that the Director disclaims having advised me to carry to the "Bullion Fund" coins sent from your Office for recoinage.

Permit me to enclose a copy of a letter received from the Director of the Mint, dated May 14th, covering one from the Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, and to respectfully ask your perusal.

A portion of the coin ($30.000 Gold) received from your Office was not recoined, and therefore could have no rightful place in the Recoinage &c. it would seem that the Bullion Fund is the proper place for them. Such as were recoined went into the recoinage account, the

loss taken up there, and then by division, the net sum credited in the Bullion Fund subject to your Order, the loss to be made good from the Recoinage Appropriation, and to be credited to the Bullion Fund, as per instructions; letter enclosed.

Before returning you a corrected Transcript, I will be more obliged if you will see the Director or his representative and then agree upon the course I shall pursue. There are a number of deposits of Silver 3d. pieces from several Sub Treasuries; some Foreign Gold and Silver Coin, &c. all for "transfer of funds", about which I am will thank you to give definite information, that there may be no misunderstanding hereafter. Do these go to your Bullion Fund after recoinage?

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

June 5 5

Sir

The following is the weight and assay of the sample coins from this Mint for the month of May 1875. as reported by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office.

	Grs	Gold	Silver
Double Eagle	8595	900.5	.9
Trade Dollar	420.	Trace.	901.3
Half do	192.6	"	901.3
Quarter do	97.	"	901.2
Dime	38.6	"	900.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Wm E Dubois. Esq

Assayer

June 8 -

Sir -

The following is the weight and assay of the Sample coins from this Mint for the month of May 1876. as reported by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office

	Grs.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	5.870.	900.5	.9
Trade Dollar	420.	Trace	900
Half Do	192.6	"	901.3
Quarter Do	97.	"	901.2
Dime	38.6	"	900.

Very Respectfully

Prof. Jos Broch.
Melter & Refiner

June 8 8

Sir.

The following is the weight a assay of the sample coins from this Mint. for the month of May, 1875. as reported by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office.

	Grs.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	5.595.	900.5.	.9
Trade Dollar	420.	Trace	901.3
Half do	192.6	"	901.8
Quarter do	97.	"	901.2
Dime	38.6	"	900.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

A Louden Snowden Esq

Coiner

June 8 8

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing letter of the 8th Asst. Post Master General, asking whether we have at the Mint a profile bust of General Zachary Taylor, has been received.

In reply, I forward to you to day by Express, three copper medals with the head of General Taylor, in profile, on each. They are copies of National medals made here, and on our general list. The profile likeness on each is good, but in my opinion the head on the large medal is the best for the purpose intended. I knew General Taylor well, saw him often, and recognize

his features in all the heads
now sent; the smaller one, in
military dress, the truest to
nature, as the general was not
remarkable for beauty; the larger
one the best for the postal card.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Wood
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 9th 5

Sir

Please find enclosed Transcript No. 64, returned for request in yours of yesterday.

It is gratifying that the question at issue is settled, and that the authority given for the disposal of this Coin is recognised for future operations.

When orders are so distinctly given, as in this case, I endeavor to have them literally carried out, avoiding unauthorized charges in any of my accounts.

Very Respectfully Yours

Capt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C

June 9 5

Sir

Enclosed I hand you copy of a communication received this A.M. from the Director of the Mint.

Please explain to me the reason why employes in your department leave the Mint before the hours fixed by the Regulations, and if done, whether by your permission or not.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Prof.
Wm E. DuBois
Assayer

Mint 9 [illegible]

Sir

Inclosed I hand you copy of a communication received this A.M. from the Director of the Mint

Please explain to me the reason why employees in your department leave the Mint before the hours fixed by the Regulations, and if done whether by your permission or not

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver

Sund 9 5

Sir

Enclosed I hand you copy of a communication received this A.M. from the Director of the Mint.

Please explain to me the reason why employés in your department heard the Mint before the hours fixed by the Regulations, and if done, whether by your permission or not.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wood
Supt

Prof. Jas. C. Booth.
Melter & Refiner

June 9 5

Sir

Enclosed I hand you copy of a communication received this A.M. from the Director of the Mint.

Please explain to me the reason why employes in your department leave the Mint before the hours fixed by the Regulations, and if done, whether by your permission or not.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

A. Loudon Snowden Esq

Coiner

June 9th 5

Sir.

For the purpose of removing all doubt as to your account, I will be obliged if you will inform me by return mail whether the following sums should be credited to the Bullion Fund viz-

3d Silver pieces from	A. T. Baltimore,	(net)	$ 305.59
Do	Do Philada	"	350.09
Do.	Do. New York	"	3.593.93
Do.	Do. Boston	"	27.99
Do.	Do. Cincinnati	"	31.19
Do	Do. St. Louis		562.44
Foreign Silver	Do Baltimore		239.09
Gold Coin	Do Boston		284.84

all of which have been recoined.

Very Respy Yours

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treas. U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 9 5

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

The Mint does not deal in ores, but only purchases nickel that is fit for coinage, after public advertisement for proposals.

I am not able to refer you to a purchaser for your mining interests.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr.
Elijah [illegible] Supt
Eastern
Pa

June 8 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th inst, I have to state that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office has regularly sent me Mr Torrey's report of the monthly assay of test coins from this Mint, and I always furnish a copy to our Assayer, Boiner and Melter & Refiner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 9 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. I herewith enclose a communication from the Coiner stating that the correct amount of Silver operated upon in his department in the month of May 1875, is 1.000.000.00 ounces.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Lund 9 8

Sir

I herewith hand you a copy of a letter to me from the Director of the Mint, under date of the 7th inst, enclosing statements of the percentages of metal returned by the respective boiners of the respective Mints in the form of coins and clippings respectively, and requesting an ~~explanation~~ examination by you of the figures, and such explanation as appears to be required.

I also hand you copy of the Exhibits enclosed in the Director letter.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

A Lowder Surrender by
Boiner.

June 9

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst asking explanation of the departure of some of the employes of the Mint before 2 o'clock P.M. on Saturday, has been received.

As under existing rules employes can and do leave by permission of the officers of their respective departments, I enclosed a copy of your letter to each operative officer asking from them an explanation and whether the departure of their employes before 2 o'clock P.M. was by their permission &c. Their answers when received will be sent you.

Some employes do leave before

2. P.M. on Saturday. but as alleged only after the work of the day is completed. Others, having work that requires longer time remain until 2. or nearly 2 o'clock. After the work is over on Saturday it is difficult to keep the men and women in their rooms.

The present practice has obtained for years under former Directors, (myself and yourself included) but I will require the operative officers to report under the rules, all leave of absence, whether on Saturday or other days.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

No 2

I transmit forward copy of communications just received on the subject from our Assayer and Melter & Refiner

Supt

June 9 - 8

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst. in relation to a medal for the Fort Sullivan Bicentennial Celebration at Charleston, S. C. has been received.

Enclosed I hand you the designs by Mr. Carter and myself - good and artistic, and will make a neat and appropriate medal. Your calculation of cost is all right it can be made for the amount named.

Examine design and select and let us know promptly the answer. The time is short.

Enclosed find note from the Engraver. Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman

[illegible]

June 10 [illegible]

Eugene Farmer.
Schenectady. N.Y.

Yours of the 2nd
ult. has been received.
Have were a few
pattern cents of 1856 struck
but are have none in
the Mint for sale. They
can only be procured from
coin dealers. or collectors.
Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

June 10th 5

Sir.

The inquiry in yours of yesterday regarding the charging to the Minor Coinage Profit & Loss &c. and the crediting the Coiner with the Sum of $274.94 is replied to thus—

The legal weight of a 3¢ nickel piece is 30 Grains. (Sec. 16. C/A. 73—) Then 16 pieces each weighing 30 grains make 48¢ = 480 grains to the Oz. Standard. (The Coiner is charged with total Ozs. 9928.00 @ 48¢ per Oz. = $4765.44

He coins from these, Ozs 9197.80 = $4140.— the legal value thereof being, at 48¢ = $4414.9 the difference being the deviation from the standard. ($274.94) Minor Coinage Profit & Loss is charged with this Sum and the Coiner credited, to balance his a/c.

The legal deviation on these 9197.80 ounces

would be - 16 pieces per oz - 147.164 80 pieces. These at 2 grains per piece, (see 38 C/A 73) would be 294.329.60 grains or 613.19 Std. ozs. which at 48¢ per oz - $294.33, the planchets being heavy, yet within the limit allowed, by some 40 ozs. - $20 -

Sometimes there is a gain, as in the 1 and 5¢ Coinage, arising from the same cause reversed.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Roy
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 11th 5

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst, Enclosing sight draft on New York for $100, in currency, and requesting $100 in Silver 50 cent pieces in return has been received today.

You will see by the enclosed circular, that U.S. Silver coins of a less denomination than the Dollar can only be furnished in sums of $100 in exchange for gold coin a Par.

Your draft is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

W. C. Fitzsimmons Esq Cash.
Tecumseh, Mich

June 11. 5

Sir,

I herewith forward two communications, one from the Coins and one from the [illegible]

[illegible]

June 11 5

Sir,

The lump of iron ore, which you sent here in April, to be tested for gold or silver, inclosing $5, which we asked leave to return, but you still required an assay — has just been assayed, & found to contain nothing of precious metals. We do not examine for iron.

The money is therefore retained, to pay the expense.

Yours &c.

P.S. Inclose certain papers sent by you, to be returned

Supt.

S. S. Foy
Dayton, Sebastian Co.
Arkansas

June 12 5

Sir

I herewith forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending June 12. 1875.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
per N.S.P.
Supts Clk.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 14 5

Sir

The boiner has notified me that he expects to be absent three days to attend the Bunker Hill Centennial. Under the law and regulations, I have appointed Mr. O. C. Bosbyshell as acting boiner until Mr. Snowdens return, and report the same for the Directors approval under the 9th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 19 6

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 12th inst. you will please fill the enclosed order for dies for the Carson Mint with out delay.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Wm Kabir Esq
Engraver of the Mint.

June 14 5

Sir

Your remittance of the 4th inst. by bill of exchange, of $41. in payment of bill due Mr Holzer of this city, for articles furnished the assay department of your Mint was duly received.

Mr Holzer has this morning received the bill of exchange, and signed the receipt to the warrant on your cashier, which I herewith return to you.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

James Crawford Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

June 14

Sir.

The average cost of an ounce of Silver Bullion for Subsidiary Coin for the 1st quarter 1875 is $1.185.468.997.0 or not $1.18 as stated in your letter of the 11th inst. The sign + after the figures 11 in the Melter & Refiners a/c indicates a continued decimal. I think you will find the entire number in the Silver Profit & Loss a/c. The figures $45.144 are correct.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Pollock
Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 15 [illegible]

Sir.

Your of the 11th inst. enclosing samples of rock, has been recv.d

One lump is crystalline limestone; the other merely a slaty rock, with no indications of silver.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Jas. M. Rudasill.
Edinburg
Va

June 15th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten (22.910) Dollars being the proceeds of Minor Coin reissued from the Redemption Fund.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Beach
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

June 16 5

Sir

Your No. 2 is an inferior carbonate of lime, with a nodule of sulphide of iron.

No. 3. ordinary sandstone. Neither is of any value.

Respy yrs

S. T.

Mr Hugh B. Wellman
Hubbardstown
Mass

June 16 : 5

Sir

In pursuance of the requirements of the 9th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. I have with the approval of the Director of the Mint, appointed you Acting Coiner of the Mint, during the temporary absence of the Coiner from the City this week. You will perform the duties, and exercise the rights and authority of that position, accordingly

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

O C Bosby Shell. Esq
Asst Coiner

June 16 5

Sir

Will you please forward to the U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado, twelve (12) dozen matrasses, wide neck, [illegible] per sample from our Assay [illegible] artment, and forward the same to Denver, securely packed, by railroad freight at your earliest convenience.

You will please send me duplicate Bills of Lading, at the time of shipment, together with duplicate receipted bills for the matrasses to be forwarded to Washington for payment.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
S. G. Coughton.
728 Arch St
Phila

June 17th 65

Sir.

If you will ship the Gold referred to in yours of yesterday, before Tuesday next the 22d inst, we can comply with your wishes.

Very Respy

Supt

Hon. Thos. C. Acton
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

June 17 57

Sir

I have this day paid Treasury draft No. 2887. and delivered to Adams Express Co. for delivery to you, subsidiary silver coin, as follows.

Half Dollars $75.000
Quarters as 25.000

$100.000

Very Respectfully

J. W. Forney
Supt

Thomas Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
New York.

June 17 5

Sir,

You are entirely mistaken as to the nature of our work. We do not reduce ores, & operate only on metallic gold & silver.

When we have time, we make assays of ores, for golds and silver only, (not copper, tellurium &c.) but as this does not answer your purpose, and as we are at present very busy on our regular work, I will recommend two private Assayers here — Prof. Gouth, of the University of Penna., or Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chant St. Phila. The ores will be handed over to either party as you wish.

Yours truly

[illegible]
Supt.

J. D. Baer Esq.
Sec'y Detroit & Col. Mining Co.
Detroit

Telegram

June 17. 5

James Crawford
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada

Tiles will be shipped in two weeks — unavoidable delay

Jos. Pollock
Supt

19 m Collect

17th June 5

Mr. J. Jas'ns
No 8 North Green Street
Baltimore

Dear Sir

In answer to your favor of the 15th instant, I would state that the discrepancy in the weight of your deposit was noticed when the deposit was made. The attention of Mr. Thompson the agent of the Adams Express Co. was called to it, and search was made but nothing could be found. The package appeared to be in perfect order. Had the bullion been weighed by you with avoirdupois ounces your weight and the mint weight would have been about the same. There was certainly no error in weight here at the mint for the deposit was weighed on the second time.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

June 18 5

Sir

Your remittance of the 5th inst of $34.50 in postal order, for Wm Holzer, of this city, in payment of his bill for assay apparatus for your Mint has been received to day and paid to Mr. Holzer, who has receipted the warrant on your cashier which I herewith return to you.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Bernard Lande. Esq
Acting Supt U. S. Mint.
San Francisco
Cal.

June 19 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 12th inst, I have this day forwarded the following dies to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express.

	Obverse	Reverse
Trade Dollar	12	6
Double Eagle	6	3

and herewith enclose duplicate and triplicate Express receipt.

I also enclose copy of a communication of this date from Mr. Barber, Engraver of the Mint, in reference to the breakage of dies at the Carson Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. M. V. Davis.
Assistant Director of the Mint

June 19 5

Sir

I have to request that you will return my letter of the 17th inst, advising you of the shipment of $100,000. in subsidiary silver coin. Through an inadvertance of my Cashier, it was addressed to you, when it should have gone to the Asst Treasurer at Boston.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Polwell
Supt

Thomas Hillhouse. Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S.
New York.

June 19 05

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending June 19. 1905.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 21st 5

Sir.

Will you please forward to this office one of your blank sheets for the calculation of Silver deposits, containing the calculations for one or two deposits for Silver Bars and likewise the same number of calculations for Trade dollars, The new forms for Gold deposits, which we have received from Washington, contemplate the payment of the Silver parted from the Gold, in Trade dollars, when so requested by the depositor, If you have made any payments of Gold deposits in this form, forward us one sheet containing one deposit as an example,

Please also state at what rate per standard ounce you calculate fine Silver Bars.

Very Resp'y

Hon. Thos. C. Acton
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

June 26 [illegible]

Sir

The thirty nine (39) tiles you are making for the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, are to be forwarded to that Mint by the Adams Express; duplicate Express receipts to be delivered to me.

Your bill for the tiles will be made out against the Carson Mint, in triplicate, and handed to me, and I will forward them to the Supt of that Mint for payment according to his instructions.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Philip Newkumett.
No 2307 Vine St.
Phila

(Henry Hanson [illegible])

June 22 5

Sir

Youre note of the 19th inst. has been received.

Enclosed I send you a copy of the Draper medal in lead, for your examination. If approved, inform me, and I will be able in a few days thereafter to furnish the medal as ordered.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Rear Admiral.
C. H. Davis
Supt. U. S Naval Observatory
Washington
D.C.

June 29 /

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received.

The "par value in Japan" is an ambiguous expression, as it may mean the nominal value of the coin, or the commercial value; which are not always the same.

Our Trade Dollar is taken in China in preference to the Mexican dollar, because it is about 8½ grains heavier. The Imperial Mint of Japan has recently issued a Trade Dollar of the same weight as ours, 420 grains, as a rival to our Trade Dollar, in place of their old "Yen"; or dollar of 416 grains.

As they are of the same weight and fineness, I presume our Trade Dollar is taken in Japan at par with the Japanese Trade Dollar, but I have no definite information on the subject. It is possible that there may be a slight commercial difference in favor of their own coin.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Dr. H. M. Perkins.
Hingham.
Mass.

June 23rd 5

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of Twenty Seven Hundred and Eighty Five (2785) Dollars to reimburse you a/c for Old Coppers withdrawn from the Redemption Fund for recoining.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ross
Supt

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

23rd June 5

M. V. Davis Esq.
Acting Director U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

As requested in yours of the 21st, I herewith send statement of the amount of fine silver bullion received from the Superintendent of the U. States Mint San Francisco.

April 1st 1875		$148.5[illegible].32
June 1st	"	$71.[illegible].08
" 5th	"	$40.6[illegible].62
" 9th	"	$72.700.03
" 22nd	"	$62.353.67
		$403.929.32

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

June 24 5

Sir

Your remittance under date of the 23d inst. of $105. gold, has been received this morning, and in compliance with your request, I send you to-day by Adams Express, $105. in 20 cent silver coin. I will thank you to acknowledge their safe arrival.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Thomas C Acton Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

L. & L.

June 24th 5

Sir.

By your request of the 22d. I hand you herewith Silver Memorandum No. 193 for the sums of $616.22 the net result of $610.33 Silver Coin transmitted for Conversion into Silver Halves and Quarters. The above mentioned Coin are shipped to your office this day, and unless I am otherwise ordered shall not pass the same through your a/c, as I do not understand that they come under the head of our Ordinary Recoinages.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Hickox

Acting Supt

Hon. E. Spinner

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

June 25th 57.

Sir;

I am in receipt of a letter from the Acting Director of the Mint, covering an order from the Secretary of the Treasury, both giving me information that the Independent Treasury Offices have been instructed to transfer to this Mint all Gold dollars not needed in their respective offices for circulation. The Acting Director states that in disposing of this coin I will be governed by his instructions to me under date of May 14th last. a copy of which I forwarded to you June 7th and to which I again respectfully refer you. You will recall the fact that $29.916.58 Gold was placed to your credit in the Bullion Fund of this Mint on the 25th May, (same being received) in accordance with the Director's instructions,

and

and that you subsequently returned my Transcript of that a/c with directions to take it from the Bullion Fund. stating that it should not have been charged therein; but at a later date you decided to let it remain.

What I desire to ask is, under recent rulings and directions, that all this and other Coin now in your Recoinage a/c may be transferred in Net sums to your 'Bullion Fund' and thus have final disposition thereof. Where we have to separate and recoin. such Coin must of necessity go through the Recoinage a/c. Pieces that are in good condition can only be properly credited in the Bullion Fund, so that it is better to credit each transfer of Coin to one and the same a/c. through the medium of the Recoinage a/c.

And may not this be done before

before the Annual Settlement so that your Bullion Fund will show all these "odds and ends" of Recoinage &c under the one head, the losses by recoining remaining in the Recoinage a/c.

I await your reply by return mail and earnestly hope that it will accord with the Director's instructions.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Preston
Supt.

Hon: F. E. Spinner
Treas: U. S.
Washington
D. C.

June 26 [illegible]

Sir

I have made, and herewith forward for your approval, a contract with Messrs. Melvin and McMorris of this city, for sinking an artesian well in the Mint, for the sum of $9.700, in pursuance of the appropriation made for the purpose by the last Congress.

I will thank you to return it with your approval, at your earliest convenience, that work upon the well may be commenced immediately.

The contract is very favorable in its terms, and the parties entirely competent for the work.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

June 26th 85

Sir.

In your transfer of 1086. Silver 3% Specie made on the 8th inst, it was found that the sum of .33 in Nickel 3¢ & 1 Bronze 1¢ Coin were included. I have withdrawn the same from the Recoinage &c, and deposited them to your credit in the Redemption Fund, a certificate of which will be forwarded to you this day.

Very Respectfully
A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. J. C. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Lund 26 [illegible]

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 9th inst. I have sent this day by the Adams Express Co. Ten pieces of the Rickford International coins, for the official use of your office.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Lund 26 /

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending Lund 26. 1875.

Very Respectfully

J. C. Pickett
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 28 5

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst has been received.

The U. S. $10. gold coin (Eagle) of 1799. in good condition, is worth about $10.60 in gold.

The Mint does not need your specimen, as we are supplied, but Mr. Haseltine, whose card I enclose, may perhaps buy it, or find you a purchaser.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. James M. Allaire.
Peoria
Ill.

June 28 5

Sir

The piece of metal you send is lead, which has evidently been melted by some one, and is [illegible] little stained with [illegible] oxide. It is of no [illegible].

Yours Res[illegible]

[illegible]

Moses Specht. Esq
Beavertown
Pa

June 29 5

Sir

I will thank you to forward to the Secretary of the Treasury, the enclosed b/d in my favor of this date No. 2829. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $1.47 coin. in a/c profits on recoinage of foreign silver coins per order Secretary of the Treasury June 26 1875.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Hickox
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

June 30 5

Sir

Your remittance of the 29th inst. of $20. gold coin, has been received, and in compliance with your request, I send you to day by the Adams Express twenty dollars in twenty cent silver pieces. Please acknowledge their safe arrival.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

J. M. Lloyd, Esq
Chief Clerk
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

L.R.C.

June 30th 5

Sir.

Your letter informing me that $49.75 had been charged against the Contingent Fund of this Mint for 1875, being expenses for E. B. Elliot for attending the Assay Commission in Febry last, is received.

As this Institution has drawn all due it from Washington for the fiscal year ending June 30 - 1875, I enclose you a blank Certificate to be signed by Mr. Elliot Please enclose his receipted bill (in duplicate to the Mint, and the money will be returned by Express.

Very Resp'y

H. C. Hickcox
Acting Sup't

M. V. Davis
Acting Director
Washington D.C.

June 30 5

Sir

I enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending June 30. 1875.

Very Respectfully
H. S. Hickok
Acting Supt

Obon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 1 5

Sir

The mineral you send is the ordinary galena, or lead ore. No Silver.

Yours resp'y
Jas. Lowry
Supd.t

Mr S. & S. Ross
Catt. Ashby Ky

July 1 5

Miss A. G. Galt.
Amherst Co. Va.

Your letter of June 26th has been received.

Ladies are not employed in the Mint to do writing, and there are no vacancies among those who are engaged in other work, and we have no occasion to make any new appointments. It is therefore not in my power to give a favorable response to your application for a position here.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

July 1 5

Sir

I have duly received your letter of June 24th.

In reply I have to say that our clerical positions are all filled. there are no vacancies, and we have no room for new appointments. Under the requirements of the Treasury Department our general working force has been materially reduced during the past year.

Yours Respectfully

J. A. Collier

Supt

Andrew D. Cowless. Esq
Charlotte
N. C.

July 1st

Gentlemen.

Your letter of yesterday respecting Sweeps, and addressed to the Coiner Mr. A. London Snowden, has been referred to me for reply.

We shall have some 80 Barrels of Sweep to offer in the Course of 2 weeks and will send you a Mint Assay for your bid.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Wm. C. Waters & Co
No. 17 John St.
New York

July 1 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the following sums for the service of this Mint during the current month of July.

Salaries	$ 3.400.
Wages	20.000.
Contingent Expenses	6.000.

being one twelfth of our annual appropriations except for salaries, which is only $29.67 in excess of the one twelfth and as that small amount will be a great convenience to us here, I hope the requisition will be honored for the sums I have named without diminution.

An early remittance of the draft to start us fairly on the new year, will also be very acceptable and serviceable.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 1 0

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued, and exchanged, and delivered to the Melter and Refiner, during the month of June 1875.

Also Statement of the same for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

July 1 5

Sir

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the month of June 1875 which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 3

Wm E. DuBois Esq
Assayer

Sir

The Supt. of the N. Y. Assay Office reports the following result of the Assay at that Office, of test coins from the Philadelphia Mint for the month of June 1875.

Denominator	Weight Grains Dec	Fineness Gold	Silver
Double Eagles	515.93	899.1	9
Half Dollars	193.00	.2	900.4
Quarter Do	96.55	.2	899.4
Twenty Cents	77.16	.2	899.5
Dime	38.30	.0	900.3

Very Respectfully
H C Kiepok
Acting Supt.

also 1 to M A R
and
1 to Comm

same day
H C K

July 8 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward 1. Gold Workings. Coiners Department May 31. 1875. June 7. 1875. 2. Silver Workings. Coiners Department for June 1875.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 3 5

Dear Sir

The specimen you send appears to be a mixture of sulphide of lead, and zinc blende. We cannot tell whether it would be worth working or not. If in large quantities it would be of some value

Yours resp'y

J. D. Whitney
Sup't.

Mr. Moses Specht
Reevertown
Pa

July 7 5

Messrs Nash & Sutherland
Seattle

We do not receive gold in the ore; but if it is a nugget with only a little quartz, we will take it, as an accomodation.

As gold coin is worth $223½ per pound (in coin,) the rate you put on this specimen of quartz gold, is more than you are likely to realize. ("$200 to 250")

If it is a nugget (as above) send it thro' Adams Express, which has an office in the Mint, and will settle with you.

Respy yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

July 7 60

Sir

On the ground of meritorious service, I have increased the compensation of the following employees in this Mint, fifty cents a day. viz.

General Department

Thos. H. Boyle. Messenger. from $5.50 to $6.00 per diem.

Assay Department.

Alex. L. Outerbridge. Jr. 2d Weigher from $5.00 to $5.50 per diem. and submit the same for your approval. The increase in both cases to date from the 1st of July. with

I enclose the recommendation of the Assayer in

in the case of Mr. Outerbridge.
Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 7 5

Sir

I herewith enclose for the Secretary of the Treasury b/d July 7. No. 2355. for $9.30 coin on a/c of gain on recoinage of foreign gold coin from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans. per order of the Secretary June 21. 1875. which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 8 75

Sir

I herewith forward statement in settlement of miners account made with the Superintendent June 30. 1875.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pattock
Supt

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 8th 5

Sir.

I desire to call your immediate attention to a matter connected with the receipt of the unparted bars now being received at this Mint. I know that at Carson City, and which, unless attended to without delay, will involve the Mints and Express Co. in considerable confusion. The bills of Messrs Wells Fargo & Co. for transportation of the afore said bars are rendered and payment demanded for the amount of the bars as stamped thereon by the Con. Virginia Mining Co. which sum on the first shipment was $108.789.67, while the Carson Invoice calls for $103.743.21. On the second Invoice the Con. Virg. Mining Co. stamp the bars $160.630.26; Carson assay them at $153.109.39. The third Invoice

Invoice the Con. Virg. Mining Co. assay at $ 88.147.58, while Carson puts it at 84.035.56. The Express Co. have been paid for these three lots on the Mining Co's figures, but as the Government has purchased at the lower sums it would seem that some definite instruction should be sent to this Mint as to the course to be pursued.

As the Department has instructed me to charge the cost of transportation to the Silver Profit Fund, notwithstanding that a large proportion of these bars is Gold, I shall so do unless otherwise instructed. But I desire immediate instruction on the first mentioned subject.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 8 5

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of assay coins and deliveries for the Quarter ending June 20. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

July 9 5

Sir

The Superintendent left the City to day, expecting to be absent about a week. Before leaving he requested me to report his absence to your office, for the information of the Director.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 2 5

Sir

I herewith forward the following Statements from the Melter & Refiners department.

1. Bullion Operations. Gold. from April 1st to June 1875.
Silver. June 1875.

2. Gold melting. April 29. to June 8. 1875.

3. Silver melting. June. 1875

Also copy of explanatory letter from the Melter & Refiner, under date of the 7th of July inst.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Acting Secty

Catalog 10 5

Sir

The following dies are required for the use of the Mint at San-Francisco. for 1875.

	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagles	6	00
Dimes	18	18
Half Dollar	12	12
Trade Dollar	6	6
Twenty cents	12	12

You will please have them prepared at your very earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hirst [illegible]

Acting Supt

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver.

July 10 - 5

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Reports of Coinage executed for weeks ending July 3. and July 10. 1875. the forwarding of the former having been inadvertently overlooked.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 10 5

Sir

The two letters from the Carson Mint referred to in your letter of the 9th inst. were received yesterday, and at once forwarded to your office.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 10 [illegible]

Sir

Three boxes of annual assay coins from the Carson Mint for the quarter ending June 30. 1876, were received by mail yesterday. Also your letter of June 29. with its enclosed monthly statement of assay coins received.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

James Crawford. Esq
Supt. 2d. U.S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

P.R.

July 10th 5

Sir.

In accordance with instructions contained in yours of the 7th inst, I have to inform you that the Bar &c. recd from the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. has been Assayed and Coined at this Mint, as per Memorandum enclosed, and is held subject to your order.

Very Respectfully Yours
H G Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 10 5

Sir

On the receipt of your telegram of this date to "Pay freight on Larson stamps" I communicated its contents to Mr. Thompson, the Mint Agent of Adams Express Company, who showed me in reply, a letter he had received this morning from the New York Agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., to Mr. Hoey, Supt of Adams Express Company instructing him not to deliver silver Bars unless the freight charges are paid as way billed. I enclose a copy of that letter for your information. I understand no more bars are

expected here until about the middle of next week.

You will see by the enclosed statement from our Weigh Clerk that of the Nevada bars already received there is, according to the assays of the Carson Mint, a deficiency of $16.680.05. on which the Express charges are expected to be paid.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickox
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 12 5

Sir

The box of assay coins from the San Francisco Mint for the quarter ending June 30. 1876. together with your letter of advice of the 3d inst. came to hand to day.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Bernard Lande. Esq
Acting Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco
Cal.

July 13 5

M. V. Davis. Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 12th inst. received this morning. I herewith enclose half a dozen card price-lists of the Centennial Medals, four in number.

Large Bronze $2.
Do Gilt $5.
Small Silver $3.
Do Bronze $1.

They are for sale at the Mint, at the above prices, in currency.

Very Respectfully
R. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

L.R.C.

July 13th 5

Sir.

In reply to your (T. F.) letter of yesterday respecting the overcharge of .09 in my Transcript of July 1st to 10th I beg to explain that the same is an error growing out of the voucher of Express Co. for transportation being rendered for that amount, and so found its way into the a/c. before the invoice was received.

A suitable counter entry will appear in Transcript of the 17th.

Very Respy

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon. John C. New

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

LRC

July 13th 5

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find schedule of 109 Barrels and 2 Kegs Sweeps containing by close assay

Gold	Ozs. 297.357	Coin Value	$5532.22
Silver	. 2659.20	Do.	3.308.50
		Total	$ 8.840.72

Your bid prior to the 24th inst is respectfully requested for the above; terms; payment in Double Eagles, full weight with sweeps deliverable at Mint without expense to the Government.

Very Respectfully
H E Hicks
Acting Supt

Mess. W. C. Waters & Co
17 John St.
New York

64 to 73	Melden & Reginald's	4257	6168	19870
74 to 83		4158	9161	15010
84 to 93		4063	8041	13630
94 to 103		4077	11673	15886
104 to 113		4085	73190	27012
114 to 123		4081	50095	47961
1 to 10		3755	19357	23883
11 to 20		4095	19227	26398
21 to 30		4169	21279	16549
31 to 43		5532	30694	21094
1 to 2	Coinents	4224	15536	12297
94	Superintendents			
95				
96				
97				
98				
99		2969	30236	26230
		45893½		
			297357	
			265921	

5532 22
3,308 50
$8.840 72

L.R.C.

July 13th 5

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you statement of 109 Barrels & 2 Kegs Sweeps, Containing

Gold Ozs. 297.357	-	$5532.22
Silver 2659.21	-	3.308.50
Total		$8.840.72

Your bid prior to the 24th inst is requested, the sweeps to be delivered at the Mint free of Cost to Government, and paid for in full weight Double Eagles.

Very Respy
H C Hiskop
Asty Supt

Dr. Jos. W. Farmer
253 So. 16th St.
Philada

64 h 73	4257	6868	19870
74 h 83	4188	9161	15010
84 h 93	4063	8041	13630
94 h 103	4077	11673	15886
104 h 113	4085	73190	27812
114 h 123	4181	50095	47961
1 h 10	3755	19357	23883
11 h 20	4195	19227	26398
21 h 30	4169	21279	16549
31 h 43	5532	31694	21094
1 h 2	422½	15536	12297
94			
95			
96			
97			
98			
99	2969	31236	26281
	45.873½	297357	
		265921	

5.582 22
3.308 50
$ 8.840 72

L.P.L.

July 13th 5

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find schedule of 109 Panels and 2 Kegs Sweeps containing

Gold	Oz.	297.357	Coin value	$ 5532.22
Silver	"	2659.21	do	3.308.50
			Total	$ 8.840.72

Your bid prior to the 24th inst is respectfully requested for the above.

Terms: Payment in Double Eagles full weight, and sweeps deliverable at Mint without expense to Gov't.

Very Respy
H C Hickok
Asty Supt

Messrs. C. S. Dennis & Sons
38 & 40 Walnut St
Newark
N.J.

64 to 73	Miller & Reynolds	4257	6868	19870
74 to 83		4188	9161	15010
84 to 93		4063	8041	13630
94 to 103		4077	11673	15886
104 to 113		4085	73190	27812
114 to 123		4180	50095	47961
1 to 10		3755	19357	23883
11 to 20		4195	19227	26398
21 to 30		4169	21279	16547
31 to 43		5532	31694	21094
1 to 2	Cornell	422½	15536	12297
94	Superintendent			
95				
96				
97				
98				
99		2969	31236	26231
		115893½		
			297357	5.53222
			265921	8.30850
				8.84072

L.R.

July 03d 5

Gentlemen

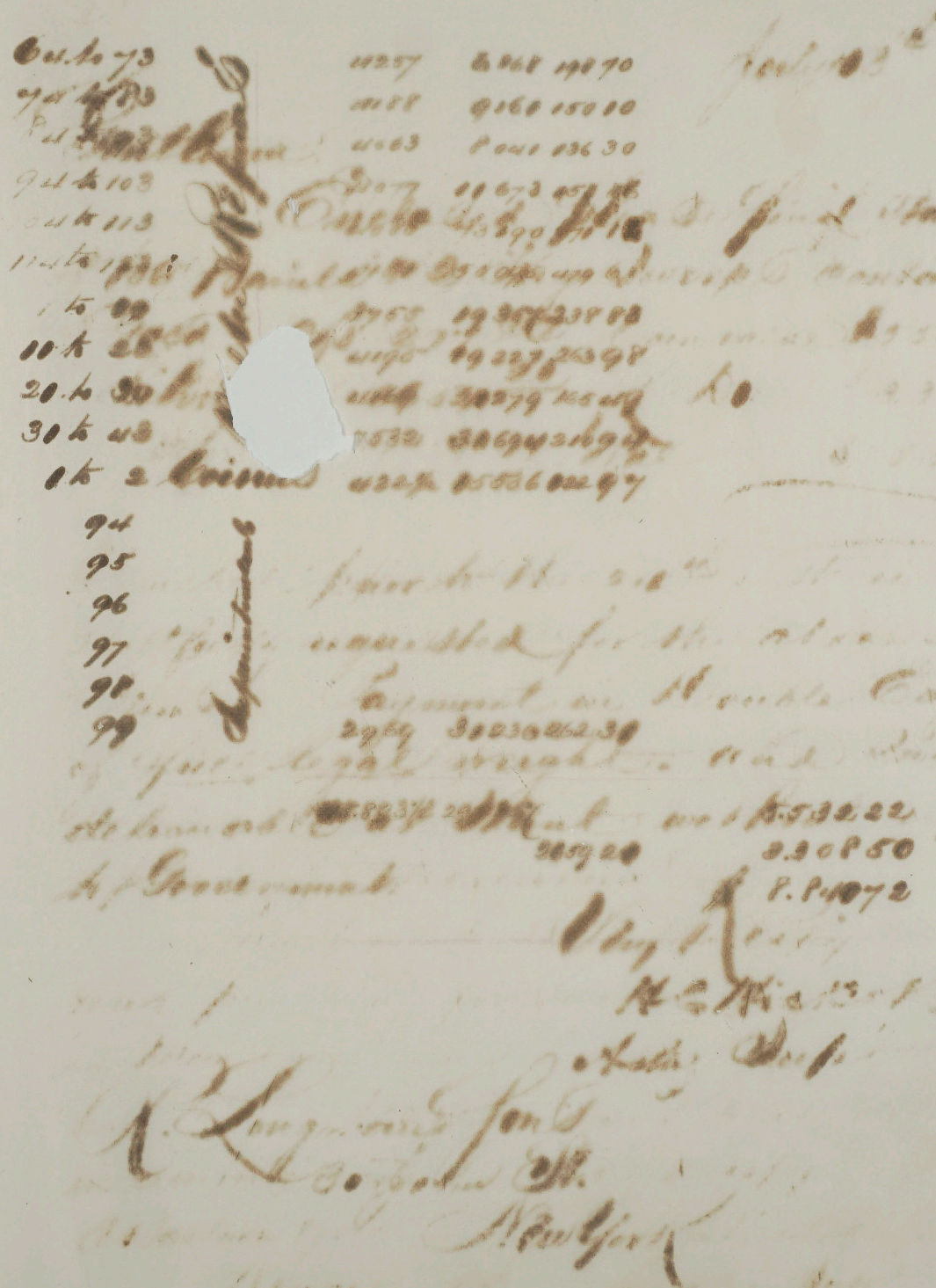
Enclosed please find statement of 109 Bamble & 2 Kegs Sweeps containing

Gold	Ozs. 297.[illegible]	Coin value	$5532.22
Silver	[illegible]	Do.	3308.50
		Total	$ 8840.72

Your bid prior to the 24th inst is respectfully requested for the above Terms Payment in Double Eagles of full legal weight and Sweeps deliverable at Mint without expense to Government.

Very Respy
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

R. Longworth Sons
30 John St.
New York



L.R.

July 13th 5

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find schedule of 109 Barrels and 2 Kegs Sweeps containing

Gold	Ozs. 297 357	Coin Value	$5532.22
Silver	" 2659 22	Do	2308.50
		Total	$ 8.842.72

Your bid, prior to the 24th inst, is respectfully requested for the above. Terms - Payment in Double Eagles of positively full weight, and sweeps deliverable at Mint without expense to Government.

Permit me to state that the coin paid from you for sweeps purchased in May last was lighter than it should have been. We are required to use diligence in receiving Coin. Very Respy

A Ballock & Son
Newark N.J.

[illegible] Kirkpatrick
[illegible] Supt

64 to 73	Walker & Rafinier	4257	6568	19870
74 to 83		4188	9161	15010
84 to 93		4063	8041	13630
94 to 103		4077	11673	15886
104 to 113		4085	73190	27102
114 to 123		4081	50095	47961
1 to 10		3755	19357	23883
11 to 20		4195	19227	26398
21 to 30		4169	21279	16549
31 to 43		5532	31694	21094
1 to 2	Comm'd	422½	15536	12297
94	Superintendent			
95				
96				
97				
98				
99		2969	31236	26281

45.898½ 297357 — 5532 22

2659 21 — 3308 50

$8.840 72

July 18 5

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 10th inst. and its enclosures, I herewith forward a copy of a letter received this morning by Mr. Thompson, Mint Agent of the Adams Express Company, from Wells, Fargo & Co. New York, stating that they hold fifty six (56) Bars from Carson, which they declined to forward until payment of charges is secured.

I submit the document for your consideration, and await instructions

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis, Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington

July 13 50

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

We have no statement of the diameter and thickness of U. S. coins.

Your better plan would be to purchase a proof set of the current issues of coins, as per the enclosed circular, and make your own measurements.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mr. C. G. Harger Jr.
Watertown
N. Y.

July 14 5

Sir

The U. S. gold coins mentioned in your letter of the 13th inst. are worth about $50.00 each in gold or say $12.20 in currency, at the current market rate for gold. We do not buy them.

The envelope referred to in your P. S. was not enclosed.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Kirkor
Acting Supt

Dr. R. Miller. M. D.
Greencastle
Pa

D.R.C.

July 1.4th 5

Sir.

Enclosed please find Ordinary a/c. and vouchers for June 1875.

The Supplemental a/c. will be transmitted at the earliest day possible, but as the Artesian Well now being put down will probably require 4 or 5 weeks labor, the appropriation for that work will have to be retained and the a/c. kept open until the same shall have been completed.

Very Respy
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 14 5

Sir

The Assayer reports that he made examination, two days ago, of the mineral sent by you. It is a composition of limestone and sandstone, and contains a trace of silver; but is of no value.

The expense of assay, $5.00, is received.

I am obliged to add, that we are so busy with our regular work, that we cannot make any more assays of ores. Private assayers will attend to it, and I would recommend Prof. F. A. Genth of the University of Pennsylvania, West Philad^a. – also Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chant St. Philad^a.

Respectfully yours

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Mr J. G. Clemans

Leading Creek

W. Va.

S.R.C.

July 1st 3

Gentlemen.

I hand you herewith a schedule of 109 Barrels & 2 Kegs Sweeps, containing per Mint Assay — Gold Ozs. 297.357 = $5532.[illegible]
Silver " 2659.21 = 3.308.[illegible]
Total $ 8.840.[illegible]

Your bid is respectfully requested for the same. Terms — payment in Double Eagles of full weight, and sweeps to be delivered at the Mint without cost to Government. Bid must be forwarded prior to the 24th inst.

Very Respy
H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs Spear & Howard
No 1 John St
New York

		[illegible]	[illegible]
64 to 73	4257	6868	19870
74 to 83	4188	9161	15010
84 to 93	4063	8041	13630
94 to 103	4077	11673	15886
104 to 113	4085	73190	27112
114 to 123	4181	50095	47961
1 to 10	3755	19357	23883
11 to 20	4195	19227	26398
21 to 30	4169	21279	16549
31 to 43	5532	31694	21094
1 & 2	422½	15536	12297
95			
96			
97			
98			
99			
	2969	31236	26231
	45.893½		

297.357

2659.21

$ 5.532 22

3.308 50

$ 8.840 72

July 17 6

Sir

Your remittance of the 13th inst of $110. in gold was received this morning, and in compliance with your request, I have to day sent you in return, by the Adams Express, $110. in new 20¢ silver coin.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

Telegram

James Crawford
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson City
Nev.

Send invoices of 56 ~~Bars~~ unparted Bars. None received. Telegraph both values in short at once.

James Pollock
Supt
for. W. C. Pollock
Supts. Clk.

July 15th 1875.

July 10 1876

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of June 1876.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of June 1876.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of June 1876.

Very Respectfully

[redacted]

Acting Supt

Hon.
W. H. Lindeman
Director of the Mint

July 16 5

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Supt Br. Mint Charlotte

Sir

A deposit of gold from your office, which you found to be 734 fine, proves here to be 744, by three assays. We conclude there was a want of mixing in your melt. But to prevent any surprise on your part, it seems proper to make this explanation. The difference is in your favor, and we have proved that there is no error here, in this matter.

Respectfully yours

July 17th 5

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry, there is no legal valuation of silver in bullion; nor in coin, except to the extent of five dollars in a payment.

It is clearly a mistake, as well as a useless trouble, for private assayers or mailers to stamp values on their bars. Sufficient to state weight and fineness; and reckon by ounces not dollars.

Yours truly
[illegible]
Supt.

[illegible]
Ophir Lady
Utah

July 17th 5

Sir

The opportunity which you have afforded of examining a double eagle bearing the San Francisco mark, has led to some developements, and conclusions, which may well be considered important.

As to the piece itself, the Sp. gr. (17.28) proves it to be 900 fine, and therefore genuine. But its weight being 527.15 grains, shows it to be 43 cents in excess of legal value; i.e. worth $20.43.

Its diameter being right, it is of course too thick; although this is not perceptible to the touch. It is manifestly thicker at the edge than our own issue, but this is because ours are slightly bevelled, while theirs proved are always square, or flush; in which we think our coins have the advantage.

The fact that one piece has been found

11 1/7 grains heavy, proves that there may be say 39 other pieces out, equally in excess; as each strip cuts out 40 pieces.

On further inquiry, I learn from our Cashier, that the majority of San Francisco pieces are outside of the legal limits, (so far as he has tried them,) even as far as three grains heavy, or three grains light; and this in new pieces, as well as worn ones. Lately he weighed a bag of 500 ~~pieces~~ dollars, in d. eagles, for a broker here, and found them nearly all beyond the legal limit; too heavy or too light.

This is fairly attributed to the fact that they dispense with the draw-bench. But no reason can be given why the lights and heavies are not arrested by the adjusters.

In stating these facts, I simply perform a duty, and not a pleasant one.

The piece in question is returned, by Express.

Very respectfully
your obt servt
Jas. Pearce Capt.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 17th 5

Sir.

I have to call your attention to the fact that the shipment from your Mint of 32 Unparted Bars was received on the 16th inst but as yet no set of invoices therefor have arrived. Permit me to respectfully request that these invoices may be forwarded promptly so that we can make prompt settlements of our a/cs. My despatch to you of the 15th inquiring for the invoices of 56 Unparted Bars was answered, but the invoices were received from the San Francisco Mint, whither they had been misdirected in your Office. If you could forward Statements on or before the day of shipments you would do me a favor.

Very Respy

James Crawford
Supt Mint U.S. Assay Office

Supt

July 17th 65

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty (24360) Dollars to reimburse you for Redeemed Coin issued from the Redemption Fund

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

July 17 5

Sir

I herewith forward the oath of Thomas McLain, workman in the Melter and Refiners department. It had been placed, through misapprehension, on the letter file of the Melter & Refiner, and that fact only came to my knowledge to day.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pearl
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 19 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst. I herewith return the Coiners report of fine and standard gold and silver bullion used in the manufacture of national and other medals for the quarter ending June 30. 1875. with the signature of the Melter and Refiner, as requested.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

July 19th 5

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you Transfer Order No. 2895, July 17th 1875 - for Forty Six 60 (46 60) Dollars Gold Coin, the same being a portion of the net proceeds of Bar & Grains etc, received from you and disposed of thus -

Deposited with A. T. U. Philada, per C.D. No. 2381, July 14th 1875.	$21.48
Transferred to U. S. Bullion Fund per instructions Director Mint July 12th.	46.60
	$68.08

Very Respy

[signature]
Supt

C. J. Cowles Esq
late Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N.C.

July 20th 95

Sir:

I herewith forward the following statements for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1895.

1. Deposits & Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

2. Gold and Silver of domestic production, deposited.

3. Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

20 July 75.

Sir

Upon the recommendation of the Assayer herewith forwarded, I have appointed Joseph Neil, a Weigher in the Assay Department of this Mint, at $3.00 per diem, to take effect from and after Monday August 2nd. 1875; and submit the same for your approval under the 4th. Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

I have also, for the reasons stated by the Assayer, reduced the per diem of A. J. Rowland, Weigher in the Assay Department, from $3.25 to $3.00, to take effect, with your approval, from and after Monday August 2nd. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wyatt
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

July 21 5

Sir

I have received from our Assayer a statement of experimental assays which he has made upon ten (10) of the unparted bars received here from the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company, Nevada. I enclose a copy of the statement and of the Assayers accompanying remarks. Also a copy of a communication on the subject from the Melter and Refiner, to which I invite your attention.

The result of these assays is of great importance to this institution, and calls for prompt action for our guidance and

protection. The discrepancies between the assays of the Carson Mint and our own is apparent, and to avoid multitudinous meetings and assays, I concur in the Assayers suggestion, to which Prof Booth assents, that we receive the invoices at a discount on the Carson stamp of two ounces per thousand for the silver and half a thousandth for the gold. This allowance would be sufficient to protect the Melter and Refiner, until the true value of the bars can be determined by direct practical trial. I should be pleased to have your approval of this arrangement.

I also invite your attention to Prof Booth's second proposition

with regard to subsequent invoices of this bullion, with a view to your approval.

As our refinery is now ready for use, and bullion is accumulating on my hands, it is very desirable that I hear from you in reply at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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July 21 5.

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst, "inquiring whether 3,000,000 copper pieces for the Peruvian Government can be coined at this Mint, without interfering with the subsidiary silver coinage", has been received.

For the purpose of giving an intelligent answer I referred the letter to the Department Officers, and now enclose replies from Prof. Booth, Melter & Refiner, Prof. DuBois, Assayer, and Mr. Snowden, Coiner.

So far as the Melter and Refiner, and Assayer are concerned the work could be

done without interfering with our regular coinage. In the boiners department the trouble would begin. The rolling, cutting, annealing and preparing the planchets require much more labor than all the other manipulation combined, and here there would be some interference with the subsidiary silver coinage. The boiner in his letter says, that as the amount required is not large it can be executed here without interfering much, if any, with the regular work. This statement is cautious, but interference to some extent cannot be avoided if the planchets are to be prepared here. In the coining room the capacity of our

presses is equal to any demand
If the planchets could be furni-
shed by the Peruvian Govern-
ment, the coinage of the pieces
required could be executed here.
A few years ago a large amount
of copper coins were made for
the Peruvian Government by
Holmes, Booth & Hayden, (now
the Plume & Atwood Manufacturing
Co.) of Waterbury, Ct. This firm
also in 1840-45 furnished this
Mint with a large number of
planchets for our minor
coinage. Those planchets were
well made, and fully equal to
those prepared here. The present
firm would no doubt contract
at once to furnish all the plan-
chets required, at a cost less
than we could prepare them.
If this course is adopted, and

I strongly recommend it; the planchets being furnished, we can prepare them for coinage and strike the coins. The dies I presume will be furnished by the Peruvian Government.

I would call your attention to the suggestion in the letter of Prof DuBois, that this coinage could be executed at San Francisco, they have more room, and are nearer Peru than we are. In every view of the case this suggestion should be favorably considered.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Rowell
Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington

July 21 8

Sir

The tiles for the Carson Mint ordered in your letter of the 6th of May 1876 were forwarded to you on the 10th of July inst per the Adams Express Co. and their triplicate receipt is herewith enclosed.

I also enclose Mr. Philip Newkumet's receipted bill for the same, in triplicate $94.72 which I have marked correct and forward for payment as per your directions

I was not advised of the shipment until yesterday, and the bill was not presented in proper form until today.

Mr Murkumet informs me that some of the tiles were broken while under way, and new ones could not be made in time, which explains why a less number were sent than you ordered. I hope you will not suffer any material inconvenience on this account.

There has been great delay in filling this order and I would suggest in consequence that future requisitions for these articles be forwarded at least three months before they are needed for use.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
[illegible]

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Harrison
Ann

July 22 6

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Assay Department of the Mint. to take effect August 2. 1876.

You will take and subscribe to the enclosed oath before an Alderman and bring it with you when you report for duty Aug 2.

Yours Respectfully

Mr Joseph Axel[illegible] Supt

207 N Juniper St

Phila

July 23 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith enclose duplicate b/d in my name No 78. July 22. for $232.86 coin, being the nett proceeds of the recoinage of $234.50 light coin forwarded by you on the 16th inst. I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the b/d.

I also enclose duplicate and triplicate Mint Memorandum No 794. one for yourself, and one for the Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Collo
Supt

Jos. C. Abbott. Esq
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington. N.C.

July 20 [illegible]

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 19th of July inst I have to day forwarded to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co. as per the enclosed receipt the following dies for the current year.

	Obverse.	Reverse
Double Eagle	6	—
Dimes	18	18
Half Dollars	12	12
Trade Dollars	6	6
Twenty cents	12	12
	54.	48.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

M. R. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Phila

July 23d 5.

Your favor of 22d inst requesting an explanation of a supposed discrepancy that appears on Silver Memorandum No 210. July 14th 1875 has been received, and in reply I have to state that the calculation for Silver deposit No 85 March 24th 1876 was made at the rate of $1.1477 per oz standard weight of Silver and carried out in the body of the memorandum $113.20 Trade Dolls and payable in Trade Dollars. — Since the above date we have changed our mode of calculating Silver Deposits, and the calculation for Silver Deposit No 210 July 14th 1875 has been made at the rate of $1.2441679 per oz standard weight of silver, and the amount $[illegible], so carried out is in

Subsidiary

Subsidiary Silver Coin which is equivalent to 105 Trade dollars and one cent in Subsidiary Silver coin will be paid at the Mint

I must also state for your information that a Trade Dollar is equal to $1.01 in Subsidiary Silver Coin.

The Silver Memorandum Nos 85 and 210 are returned herewith.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Henry Cox Esq.
101 Washington St
Boston, Mass.

July 24th 5

Sir.

It seems proper that I should state that the Sums credited to the Bullion Fund, on a/c of the unparted Bars received from the Mint at Carson, are simply the amounts as indicated by the Carson invoices, and are subject to correction to the Assay as determined at this Mint. You will therefor understand that in cases of variation from Carson Assays, which are understood only to be approximations, Counter Charges will be entered for the purpose of adjustment to the true va- of the Bars.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yours
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

July 24 70.

Sir

Enclosed herewith forward coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint. for week ending July 24. 1870.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 24th 5

Gentlemen.

Your bid for 109 Brls & 2 Kegs Containing 45.893½ pounds Sweeps, at a reduction of Six (6) Dollars per hundred pounds is accepted, your figures being the highest received.

You will confer a special favor if you will arrange to take this lot of Sweep away without delay;

Please also be particular in remitting Coin, to see that the pieces are new and of full weight, as I am prohibited from receiving abraded or light Coin, on a/c. of Sales.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

R. Longman's Sons
31 John St.
New York

July 21st 5

Gentlemen.

Your offer for 109 Bbls. and 2 Kegs Mint Overpings is respectfully declined.

Very Respy

J. W. Elwood
Supt

E. Baibach & Son
233 River St.
Newark
N.J.

July 24th 5

Gentlemen.

Your offer for 109 Bbls & 2 Kegs Mint Sweeps is respectfully declined.

Very Resp'y
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Cf. Dennis & Sons
No. 38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
N. J.

July 24th 5

Gentlemen

Your offer for the 107 Bbls & 2 Kegs Mint Sweepings is respectfully declined.

Very Respy

J. A. Pollock
Supt

W. C. Waters & Co
117 Jodhan St.
New York

July 24th

Gentlemen.

Your offer for 109 Bs & 2 Kegs Mint Scrapings is respectfully declined.

Very Respy
Jos. Howard
Supt

Spear & Howard
No. 1 John St.
New York

July 26 5

Dear Sir,

In order to satisfy you, and save needless expense, I give the opinion both of the Melter & Refiner, and the Assayer, that the mineral which you suppose to contain silver, is not a silver ore at all.

The other appears to be a carbonate of iron, but has not the appearance of a nickel ore; which however must be determined by an expensive analysis, if desired. I recommend Prof. Genth, of the University of Penna., or Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chem.ts St. Phila.a

I will add, neither specimen is large enough for analysis. There should be a pound, at least.

Yours resp.ly

Dr. W. M. Meyer

July 27th 5

Gentlemen.

In answer to yours of yesterday I would suggest that the Penna. R. R. Co. can get the Specie on the presentation of your order, as has been done heretofore; or the Clyde Line can have them in the same way. The latter line would be the cheapest, but in either case it will be necessary for all expenses to be paid independently of the Mint, and you can arange with the Co. to take them, on that condition.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. Longmais Sons
31 John St.
New York

July 27 5

Sir

I have received to day and herewith forward the duplicate receipted bill of Messrs. Bullock & Crenshaw of this city, for $2.05 for sand assay apparatus furnished for the Denver Mint in March last as per your request.

Please remit the amount.

Very Respectfully

Jacob L. L. Schirmer Esq
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver.

Col.

July 28 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 24th inst. I have to state that the United States Government never coined on its own account, or any other, any gold coin of a less denomination than one dollar. Private parties in California issued 50 cent and 25 cent gold pieces before that State was admitted into the Union but they were never legalized.

Very Respty

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Geo. W. Mason. Jr.
New Berne
N. C.

July 28th 5

Messrs R. Longman & Son's
Newark
N. J.

Bought of Mint of the U. at Philada,

45.893½ pounds Sweepings -	$ 8.840.72
at a reduction of 6 ct. per lb.	2753.61
	$ 6.087.11

Gentlemen

Herewith please find bill of sweepings purchased, per your request of the 27th inst. Please remit as early as possible - Very Respy

[illegible]
Supt

July 28, 5

Sir

In pursuance of the enclosed nominations by Prof. James C. Booth, Melter and Refiner, I have made the following appointments in his department, to take effect from and after Monday, August 2nd, 1875; and submit the same for approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

William G. Summers, promoted from helper in the Refinery at $3.00 per diem, to be Foreman of the Refinery at $4.00 per diem.

James R. Taylor, John A. Wagner, and Edward Green, helpers in the Refinery at $3.00 per diem each.

Michael Maher and James Boyer, helpers in the Copper Melting

Room, at $2.00 per diem each.

The reasons given by the Melter and Refiner for the nomination of these persons, are entirely satisfactory. Our necessities require their appointment, and I bespeak for them your prompt approval.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. L. A. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

July 28th 5

Gentlemen,

Below I hand you Statement of Ten (10) Bbls Superintendent Sweeps which I have been offered with the 109 bbls already purchased by you.

If you wish these sweeps at the same deduction as the aforesaid 109 bbls please notify us at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
Supt

Messrs R. Longmans Sons
New York.

Statement. Supts Sweeps.

10 Bbls Nos 84 to 93 inclusive — Net weight 4642 lbs

Stand Wt Gold 28.529 ozs val Gold $530.77
" " Silver 189.10 " " Silver 235.27

Total Val $766.04

July 29 5

Sir

The coin draft for $50. enclosed in your letter of the 28th inst is herewith returned. Not being endorsed to my order I cannot use it. You will also see by the enclosed circular that $100. in subsidiary silver coin is the smallest amount that I am authorized to exchange for gold.

We do not sell or exchange Trade Dollars. You can buy them of Brokers, or we will make them for you if you deposit silver bullion for that purpose. Very Respectfully

Wm B Conant Esq
Albany N Y

[illegible]
Supt

July 29 5

Sir

I herewith forward Cft July 28. No 80. for $494.00 coin, being the proceeds of the recoinage of $000. light gold coin forwarded by you to the Mint July 21. as per your letter of that date. Advise me of its arrival.

Duplicate and triplicate Mint Memorandum No 819. also enclosed.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Geo. C. Stevens. Esq
Coll of Customs
Milwaukee
Wis

July 29th 5

Gentlemen

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Six Thousand and Eighty Seven 11/100 ($6087.11) Dollars in Gold Coin, in payment for 109 Brls & 2 Kegs Sweepings as per Schedule dated July 12th inst, less deduction of $2753.61 the same being at the rate of Six (6) Dollars per hundred pounds.

With thanks for your bid and prompt remittance, and hoping for the early removal of the sweeps in order to supply room for other lots on the way,

I am

Very Respy Yours

[illegible]

Supt

R. Longmans Son
1/ John St
New York

July 29 5

Messrs R. Longmans Son
17 John St.
New York.

Bought of Mint of the U.S. at Philada.
10 Brls. Sweeps (84 to 93) 4642 pounds.

Gold	Std ozs.	28.529	= $ 530.77
Silver	Do.	189.10	= 235.27
			$ 766.04

Less deduction 6 p. Cpr lb, per telegram this date 278.52

$ 487.52

Please remit and Oblige

Very Respectfully Yours
[illegible]
Supt

July 30th 5

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday asking for a Statement of Gold Coin received remitted and re-coined for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875, I have to inform you that such Statement was prepared and handed to Mr E. O. Leech on the 3d inst, who was requested to hand it over to you.

I would also state that no Transfer Order for $100.000 in Silver & Coin has been received at this Mint, as was noticed in your letter of the 22d inst.

Very Respy Yours

A. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Davis
Actg Director &c

July 30 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 29th inst. I have to state that under the regulations, as you will see by the enclosed circular, we can not take silver in exchange for twenty cent pieces, but must have gold coin in sums of not less than one hundred ($100) Dollars.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Mr. E. Stuart Candler.
New York.

Lady 81

Sir

Your request of the 23rd inst. for certain annual statements is received.

The statement of light gold remainages for the last fiscal year was delivered to your Mr. Leech. in person. when here at the annual settlement.

The statement of coinage for the same period is delayed by illness and absence in the Coiners office. I will have it forwarded at the earliest practicable moment, as also the annual statement of medals struck.

The Engravers report of new medal dies prepared

during the fiscal year ending June 30. 870. is herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Rusch
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 31 5

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst is received.

We have a large number of Continental bills in our collection. They are very plenty.

As to the piece of flag that is out of our line. We confine our collection in the Mint principally to coins, medals and minerals.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Mr R. C. Greene
Millersburg
Ills

July 30 5

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

The Mint report for 1875 is not yet prepared. It will not be out until Dec

I herewith mail you a copy of the annual reports for such years as we have on hand. The others are out of print

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

G. L. Bergholtz. Esq
Chicago
Ills

July 30 5

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for $30.700. for the service of this Mint during the month of August 1875, as follows.

Salaries	$3.400
Wages	21.000
Contingencies.	6.300.

and bespeak for it prompt attention.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Mr July 30 5

Jno. A. Wagner. Phila.

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department of the Mint at $2.00 per diem to date from August 2. 1875

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman and report for duty Aug 2 d to Prof. Booth. M. & R.

Bring the oath with you.

Yours Respty

[illegible]

Supt.

July 30 5

Mr Edward Green. Phila.

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiner Department of the Mint, at $3.00 per diem, to date from August 2. 1875.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Aldermen, and report for date Aug 2 1875, to Prof. Booth.

Bring the oath with you.

Very Resp'ty

[illegible]

July 30 5

Mr. Michael Maher. Phila

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Melters & Refiners department of the Mint at $2.50 per diem. to date from August 2. 1875.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman. and report for duty Aug 2. to Prof. Booth M.&C.

Bring the oath with you.

Very Respty

[illegible]

Supt

July 30. 5

Mr James Beyer.
Norristown Pa
Sir.

You have been appointed helper in the Melter & Refiners department of the Mint at $2.90 per diem. to date from August 2. 1875

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman. and report for duty Aug 2. to Prof. Boo & Mark.

Bring the oath with you.

[illegible]

Mr. July 30 5

Jas R. Taylor. Phila

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department of the Mint at $2.00 per diem. to date from August 2. 1875.

You will take the enclosed oath. before an Alderman. and report for duty Aug. 2d. to the M. of R.

Very Respty

[illegible]

Supt

Bring the oath with you.

July 30th 5

The Cashier

Will deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ten (40,810 00/100) Dollars in one ct. Nickel coin, and Ten Thousand, and Eighty (10,080 00/100) Dollars in two ct. Bronze coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24 April 1873 also letter of Jany 23d 1874 also letter of Sect. of the Treasury Oct 29th 1874

[illegible]
Supt

July 31st 5

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter + Refiner for melting and re coinage (from the Minor Coin Redumption Fund) Six Hundred and Forty (640 00/100) Dollars in One ct " Nickel Coin, as per authority of the Director of the Mint, in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873, and letter of 23 January 1874, also letter of Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29th 1874

Supt.

July 31st 65

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of (Thirty Thousand (30.000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Coin withdrawn from the Redemption Fund for recoinage.

Very Respy Your
J. R. Snowden
Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

July 31 5

Sir

The legend "Urbs Romae" occurs on some of the Roman coins, and this no doubt was the legend on the coin you saw. The earliest coins were cast bronze pieces, very rough, and did not begin to be made until Rome was nearly 200 years old. The date of the coin would be about 500 years before Christ, or later.

Very Respectly
Jas. Pecoll
Supt

Mr. Wm Gothard.
Chicago
Ill

July 31 5

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result.

Gold	$1.140.077.82
Silver	666.435.10
Ord a/c regular	55.664.43
Minor Coinage	80.191.46
" Coins Exchanged	1.265.67
" " Reissued	11.174.00
" Coinage Redemption	10.346.40
	$1.965.154.88

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order and its conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon
Wm. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c.

Augsbg

Sir

I herewith return the requisition for August with my signature which had been inadvertently omitted.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 2 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith forward the oath of Joseph Neil. Helper in the Assay Department of this Mint. dated July 24. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
Dc

Aug 2 [illegible]

Sir

Your letter of the 21st of July, all has been received.

The estimate you call for is not in my power to furnish. The Mint executes coinage to order for depositors of bullion, but what becomes of the coin afterwards, how much remains in the country, how much goes abroad, and how much is used in the arts, we have no means of knowing. These statistics do not come within my official cognizance.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

A. T. Rice. Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

Augsb 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending July 3. 1876. and Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for month of July 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c

Augst 2 5

Sir

I herewith forward statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30 1878

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 2 5

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of (without date)

In reply I herewith send you an official circular containing a list of the coins and medals for sale by the Mint.

Neither of the three medals you describe are in our collection, and I am not able to give you any information with regard to them.

The Governor of Massachusetts at Boston, could doubtless give you all the facts with regard to the "E. B. M. Loader" medal.

Something could probably

be learned of the other two medals, by communicating with the Governor of Virginia at Richmond.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Captn.
J. Lawson Whalley,
Lancaster
England

Augsbg 5

Sir

Your private note of the 3 1st ult is received.

The "Metal" dies have been ready, except hardening, for nearly a month, and I was waiting the return of the Director to submit the wax impression &c. I am pleased to know that he has authorized you to act for him in the matter, and I now send the wax impression for examination &c. If approved, return with your order and such directions as you may think best for their transmission &c. I enclose copy of letter from C. E. Barber, acting for his

Father, by it you will see that the "Horn" medal dies will soon be ready. Send orders and directions in that case also.

I send you to day the annual report of bonus, pieces, value &c.

Will send today on tomorrow report on the recoinage of light gold coin &c. for fiscal year and this completes all our annual reports.

Please attend to our requisition.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

M. W. Davis, Esq.
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
&c

August 8

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor coinage operations for the month of July, 1876.

I also forward for the files of your office, Statement of Minor coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged, and delivered to the Melter & Refiner during the same month.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Lindenman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Augst 2 [illegible]

Sir

I have granted leave of absence to the Engraver for one week from July 29. ultimo, and have appointed Charles E. Barber, Acting Engraver, until the Engraver's return, and submit the same for approval under the regulations.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

M. C. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
Dc

Sept 25

Mr A. E. Hundley
Readyville
Roane Co. West Virginia
Sir

Your mineral No. 1 is iron pyrites. No. 2 is galena, or sulphide of lead. No. 3, same as No. 2. They are of no value.

Resp'y yours

Supt.

Augst 2 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 20th ult. has been received.

The enclosed letter of our Assayer will explain fully the supposed error in the memorandum No. 214 of silver bullion separated &c. July 22. 1876. for you. Our memorandum is strictly correct.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs.
Mahla & Chappell.
Chicago
Ills

August 3 5

Sir

Your inquiry of the 2d inst. how long the Mint will be imployed in parting the Dore Silver recently transferred from Carson, was referred to the Melter & Refiner, who informs me, in a communication herewith enclosed, and to which I invite your attention, that he expects to have the whole lot (200 figs. about $800,000) parted before the middle of September.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Reed

Supt.

M. V. Davis Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Augsb 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward the oaths of the following appointees in the Melter & Refiners Departmt of this Mint.

Edward C. Green. Welfer.
James M. Beyer. do
Michael Mahon. do
John A. Wagner do.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Aug 3 5

Sir

The mineral you send contains specks of iron, tinged with mica, which looks like gold; & people are often deceived by it. It is of no value.

Yours resp'y

[illegible]
Sup'd.

Mr Lewis N Phleger
Grand Rapids
Michigan

August 4 5

Madam.

Your letter of the 1st inst has been received.

The first U. S. silver dollar was coined in 1794. and a dollar of that date is worth about one hundred dollars, in currency. This and the dollar of 1804, are very valuable on account of their scarcity, very few of them having been struck, and coin dealers pay high prices for them on that account.

The U. S. silver dollar of 1798. is worth one dollar in silver, and no more, there being plenty of them in market.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Mrs. M. W. Richards.
Davenport Iowa.

Aug 4 5

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of the coinage of light gold coins during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, with the law thereon.

I believe this completes the List of Annual Statements required from this Mint. If I am mistaken on this point you will please advise me of any omissions that I may hastily then without delay.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

W. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Augt 6 1875

Sir,

I herewith forward statement of Gold and Silver workings in the Carson's department of this Mint, during the month of July, 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

M. V. Davis, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Aug. 6th 5

Mrs. M. L. Rose
Irvine
Pa.

Madam.

Enclosed I hand you a blank Power of Attorney, which you are requested to fill up and return as soon as you can, in order that the a/c's for July which are kept back for your signature, may be closed up and transmitted to Washington for settlement.

You can make any one in the Mint your attorney, who will receive the balance of wages due you for July. Please give this matter your prompt attention

Very Respy Yours

[signature]
Supt

N.B. The act must be affirmed before an Alderman or Justice of the Peace

Augst 7 5

Sir

The following is the Assayers Report of the New York Assay Office of Test Coins issued at the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia in July 1875.

Denomination	Weight grains	Fineness Gold	Silver
Double Eagle	510	900.5	7
Half Dollar	192.9	1	899.8
Quarter	96.9	£	900.8
Twenty cents	77.	£	899.7
Dime	38.52	£	900.2

Very Respectfully

Jas Booth

Supt

Prof. Jas L. Booth.
Metter & Refiner

August 7 5

Sir

The following is the Assayers Report of the New York Assay Office, of Test Coins, issued at the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, in July 1875.

Denomination.	Weight. Grains	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver
Double Eagle	516.	900.5	7
Half Dollar	192.9	"	899.3
Quarter "	96.9	"	900.8
Twenty cents	77.	"	899.7
Dime	38.52	"	900.2

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Wm E. Dubois. by
Assayer

August 7 5

Sir

The following is the Assayers Report of the New York Assay Office, of Test coins issued at the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia in July 1876.

Denomination.	Weight Grains	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver
Double Eagle	516.	900.5	.7
Half Dollar	192.9	0	899.8
Quarter do.	96.9	0	900.8
Twenty cents	77.	0	899.7
Dime	38.5	0	900.2

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

A. L. Snowden. Esq

Coiner

August 7 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 7. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 7 [illegible]

Sir

Your letter of the [illegible] inst with regard to the Metro medals was duly received and contents noted.

Referring to the Directors letter of February 13th not May [illegible] which contained the list. He says the medals are to be struck in gold and silver but has not stated how many of each. Will you please inform me by return mail how many of these medals are to be struck in gold and how many in silver, and are all the ten persons named in the list to be treated alike

as to the kind of metal, and if not, how I shall discriminate between them. I need this information to guide me in having the names engraved.

Further is it intended that I shall have cases made for them, and if so, of what style and price?

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
[illegible]

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 9 5

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 7th inst enclosing for payment Mr. G. B. Elliotts bill of expenses as Assay Commissioner. The bill should be marked correct by the Director of the Mint or his representative and I herewith return it for that purpose.

As we do not issue drafts in the Mint, had I not better send the money to your office by Express.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. V. Davis Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington

Augst 9 5

Sir

I have an application from Capt. A. R. Egbert U. S. A. Atlanta Ga. - herewith submitted for your perusal for a number of planchets for silver coins that he proposes to have engraved to be presented as medals to his men for perfection in athletic exercises: one of his men being an engraver. I would like to oblige him in this matter, if it can properly be done. I have to request that you will examine the question, and advise me whether suitable planchets can be made for his use, without ~~[illegible]~~ infringing upon our coinage, and what the cost would be.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

A. L. Snowden. Esq. Coiner.

Augst 9 5

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of Silver Workings in the Melter & Refiners department for the month of July. 1875.

Also copy of an explanatory letter from the Melter & Refiner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 9 [illegible]

Sir

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst asking if I could supply you with silver planchets to be engraved by one of your men and prevented as medals to the men of your command, for perfection in athletic exercises.

I could not furnish planchets of the exact size and thickness of our silver coins, but could have them made near enough to the size for your purpose. Half dimes are no longer coined but I could have planchets made corresponding to the following pieces, for the nominal value of the coins in silver,

and twelve per cent added if you remit in currency. viz.

1	Dollar	$1.00
2	Half Dollars	1.00
4	Quarter do	1.00
4	Dimes	40
		$3.40 silver.

or $3.80 in currency.

In giving your order and remitting the funds please state how many planchets you want of each size, and how I shall forward them to you by express or otherwise

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Lieut. A.R. Egbert U.S.A.
Atlanta
Gen.

Aug. 10th 5

Sir.

I have to request that for a few weeks you will cease to cause Transfers of Subsidiary Coin to be made from this Mint, our stock of such coin being reduced so low as to leave us only enough to close our Profits into the Treasury and meet outstanding Orders.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

To M V Davis
Acting Director –

Aug 10, 5.

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing a copy of the Director's letter of May 17th last, with respect to the Mathematical Medals, has been received.

From copy of the letter of May 17th, Mr. Davis sees that we entirely need to me. Until this morning I did not present what the appropriation was, nor that even for the medals was desired. Neither myself, the Prince, or the Engineer, have any recollection of the letter of May 17th, and I am positive it never was received here. I say this after a general and universal search among our letters and papers.

I enclose a list of the names sent in the Director's letter of Feb. 18th, which perhaps you can verify by writing to Westerly, R.I.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

M. V. Davis Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington,
D.C.

Aug. 10, 5.

Sir —

In reply to your inquiry of the 9th. inst., I give you the names of Prof. F. A. Genth of the University of Pennsylvania, and Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Chant St., Philadelphia, as reliable Assayers, and gentlemen of character and standing.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Cowell
Superintendent

Robt. A. McCoy Esq.
Tyrone,
Pa.

Augsbg 5

Sir

Yours of the 9th inst has been received.

Enclosed I send you several circulars which will give you the desired information.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell
Supt

Mr. Jacob. H. Miller.
Keedysville
Md.

Aug. 11th 5

Sir.

Enclosed please find bills of E. G. Elliott, and a blank Express Warrant. I have to request that you will cause Mr. Elliott to sign the receipt on the Warrant for the amount due, and return them all as soon as possible.

I would also direct your attention to the discrepancy between the Hotel bill and the Sums charged by Mr. Elliott and would also state that the Department has heretofore required that the Affidavit should accompany both Original and duplicate bills.

Very Respy

Dupt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Augst. 5

Sir

Yours of the 9th inst. stating that you desired to purchase a set of U.S. copper coins from 1793 to 1857 has been received.

The Mint does not keep old coins for sale, only proof sets of the current year. You will have to apply to coin dealers and collectors.

Enclosed I send you price list of medals and proof sets for sale by the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

John R. Ham. M.D.
Dover
N.H.

Aug 11th 75

Sir.

I transmit herewith my V/c. of
Ordinary Expenses for July 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 18 5

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

I can supply you with proof Trade Dollars for $1.50 each, in silver, or $1.75 each in currency. But if you want the ordinary commercial trade dollar, we will make them for you if you will send us bullion for that purpose. The Mint does not keep them for sale. If you want to buy them, your application should be made to Bankers or Brokers who deal in them.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Pollock
Supt

Geo. B. McCartes. Esq
Washington. D.C.

Augst. 13 5

Sir

In pursuance of the enclosed nomination by the Melter & Refiner, I have appointed Walter S. Heins, as Helper in the Refinery of the Melter & Refiners department, at $3. per diem, and submit the same for the Directors approval. This appointment to take effect from and after September 1. 1875.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Gilbert
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Aug 13th 5

Sir.

I forward today per Express a package containing Thirty Eight 25/100 (38 25) Dollars, being the amt. due E. B. Elliott for Expenses attending his visit to this Mint in February last, as assay Commissioner –

Please hand the same to Mr. Elliott and oblige

Very Respy Yours

J. A. Snow
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augusta Me

Sir

My chief clerk. Mr. H. L. Hickock. performs the duties of Acting Superintendent of the Mint, during my temporary absence.

You will find his signature hereto attached.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Supt

Geo Boyer. Esq
Asst Treas U. S.
Philadelphia.

Official signature of the Chief Clerk of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

H. L. Hickock

August 18 5

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst has been received.

It is probable that 3 & 4 is a coin of one of the Julias, most like Julia Soaemias. Its denomination (if bronze) as well as the urbs piece, we call 3d brass (1/4 sestertius)

They are probably worth from 25 cts to one dollar

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Wm Gothard Esq
Chicago
Ills

Telegram

Augt 14. 5

M. V. Davis, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

On account of men taking holiday, cannot finish unparted silver before September fifteenth. Ready then for new lots

Hola Riakok
Acting Supt

[illegible]

Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued, Exchanged, and delivered to Melter & Refiner during the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1875

Redeemed

Old Coppers		1d Nickel		1d Bronze		2d Bronze		3d Nickels		5d Nickels
7253	87	24018	35	110551	77	28022	68	21936	06	169172

Reissued

				45640	00			22842	00	19360

Delivered to Melter & Refiner

16672	31	62000	00	640	00	29274	118	810	00	2250 00

Exchanged

1991				100	02	9	00			119 98

August 14 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 14. 1875

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

August 14. 55

Hon. H. A. Linderman, Director of the Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Judging from cost of one hundred thousand ounces dollars now finishing the cost of parting will probably not exceed one and a half cents per ounce. The rate of parting will probably be half a million of dollars of dollars per month like the last from London.

W. G. Hickok Acting Supt.

(Per Govt. rates)

Augsbury 5

Sir

In pursuance of instructions I have to announce that the Superintendent is absent from the City, and expected to return in about a week.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt.

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 14 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 13th inst. I have to state that Mr. Furstf was a private engraver, of this city, whose name is on some of the medals in the Mint Cabinet of the time of President Monroe, Jackson &c. It is also on medals to officers of the war of 1812. He was never employed in the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Edward H Knight Cz. Acting Supt
Examiner. Patent Office.
Washington
D.C.

August 10 5

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

Your remittance of ten cents in silver, and a small token of yellow metal is herewith returned; the latter not being money or a legal substitute for it and we cannot receive it. Forty cents in currency will buy the Washington and Lincoln silver medal. The U. S. Mint never issued a smaller gold coin than one dollar. It is a criminal offence under the U. S. Laws to issue and circulate gold coins or pretended gold coins less than the dollar.

Very Respectfully

H. C. [illegible]

Acting [illegible]

Mr. F. J. Hill.
Palmyra Mich

Augst 16 5

Sir.

You have been appointed Helper in the Melter and Refiners Department of the Mint. at $3.00 per diem. to take effect September 1. 1875.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman. and bring it with you when you report for duty Sept 1. to Prof. Booth.

Very Respty

[illegible]

Acting Supt.

Mr.
Walter S. Heins.
Philadelphia

Augt. 16 5

Sir,

We are entirely too busy to assay minerals, & therefore suggest that you employ Prof. F. A. Genth of the University, Philada., or Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chant St. Philada.

We will hand over the box to your order.

Yours resp'y
H. C. Hickok
~~Acting~~ Supdt.

Dr. Geo. Ferrard,
Tower City, Pa.

Augst 16 5

Sir

In return for your remittance of the 14th inst. of $100. gold coin. I have to day forwarded to the Treasurer U. S. Washington D.C. per the Adams Express one hundred dollars in twenty cent pieces. in accordance with your directions.

Very Respectfully
H E Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon.
A. U. Wyman.
Asst Treasurer. U. S
Washington
D.C.

Augst 16 5

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst has been received.

The metallic appearance in these two specimens, are due in one case to specks of iron pyrites, and in the other to mica, neither is of any value.

Very Respty

H. L. Hickok

Acting Supt

Mr. M. Campbell.
Columbia Furnace.
Va

Augst 10 5

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

The Mint Cabinet has all the Continental Currency we need. The supply in the country is abundant.

The office of the Centennail Commission is at 904 Walnut St. this City. if you choose to communicate with them.

Very Respectfy
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. G. A. Rockwell.
Lansing
Iowa.

August 10 [illegible]

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th inst has been received.

The Mint is a manufacturing institution, and executes gold and silver coinage to order for depositors of bullion, or makes commercial bars if desired. What becomes of the bars, or coin after delivery to depositors over our counters, we do not know, except that some remains at home, some goes abroad, and some portion is used in the arts. But we have no official information on the subject, and I am therefore not able

to give any definite reply to your inquiries.

You would be more likely to get the desired information at the Treasury Department. Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully
W. C. Hiskok
Acting Supt

John Ott. Esq. Secy &c.
Richmond
Va

Augt. 17 5

Dear Sir

We are not making assays of ores at present, but it is easy to decide upon the specimen you sent, which is only iron pyrites, and of no value. It bears a little resemblance to native gold, and is often mistaken for it.

Resp'y yours
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. George Clark
Sutton, Vt

Telegram

August 17 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst. I find upon inquiry, that a detailed statement of the value of the Dori silver forwarded to this Mint for separation, can be forwarded to your office by the latter part of next week.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hick K
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis. by
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Augst 17 5

Sir

In compliance with your request I send you to day by the Adams Express, two (2) "Metis", and two (2) "Horn" medals, in unbronzed copper for the illustrated newspapers, also two ditto, of each, bronzed for your office.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
Dc

Augst 18 5

Sir

In the temporary absence of Ex. Gov. Pollock. Superintendent of the Mint, and by his directions, I have the honor to forward to your address to day, by the Adams Express, a copy in unbraced copper, of the medal awarded to Dr. Draper, of the National Observatory at Washington, in commemoration of his services in connection with observations of the late transit of Venus. I believe it is intended to be copied into your Illustrated Newspaper. Do me the kindness to acknowledge its safe arrival.

Very Respectfully
H C Pickett
Acting Supt

Frank Leslie. Esq
New York.

Augst 18 5

Sir

In accordance with telegraphic instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 12th inst I herewith forward for your use, one standard weight of 1½ grains, and two standard twenty cent piece weights.

Do me the kindness to acknowledge their receipt.

Very Respectfully

H C Hakok

Acting Supt

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint
San-Francisco
Cal

August 18 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of July 28th, and its enclosed remittance, I herewith return your warrant of that date for $94.72 in favor of Philip Neukumet, and duly receipted.

Very Respectfully

H C Hiskok

Acting Supt

J. R. Hofer Esq
Acting Supt U.S. Mint
Carson
Nev

August 15 6

Sir

In compliance with your request, I herewith send you a Half Eagle of 1876, in exchange for a Half Eagle of 1873, enclosed for that purpose in your letter of the 17th inst.

Very Respectfully

W. L. Hickok

Acting Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
Dc.

Augt 19 1

Sir

The Mint does not receive Bullion less than 900 fine. The two bars of gold forwarded by you on the 17th inst. by the Adams Express, are much below that standard, and for that reason we must decline to receive them.

Very Respectfully

H. Linderman

Acting Supt

J. Warner Merrill Esq

Boston

Mass

Augst 19 5

Gentlemen.

Referring to our conference this morning, you will please forward immediately to the Supt of the U. S. Mint at San-Francisco, Cal. Eight (8) tons Lehigh Zinc, of the quality selected by Prof Booth, at the stipulated price eleven (11) cents per pound. You will please forward by the Blue Line fast freight. Let me know by bearer when it will be shipped whether to day or tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

H C Hick Jr

Acting Supt

Messrs.
N. Trotter & Co.
36. N. Front St
Philadelphia

Telegram

August 19 5

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Eight tons fine of Booths selection will be forwarded tomorrow by Blue Line fast freight. Balance under negotiation — Twenty cent weight mailed yesterday.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Coll. Govt rates

Augt 19 6

Sir

I send you to day, by the Adams Express, a sealed box containing ten (10) gold medals for the parties whose names are engraved thereon, who rescued passengers from the shipwrecked steamer Metis. Please advise me of their safe arrival.

The bill and vouchers will be mailed to you to morrow.

I herewith return Mr. Pendletons letter, as requested, giving a correct list of the names.

M. W. Davis Esq. Very Respectfully
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Augsbg 5

Gentlemen.

At what rate and how soon could you supply, say, five to twelve tons zinc, of a quality suitable for parting gold and silver by the nitric acid process. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. I called at your office this morning.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Spear & Richards.
18th & Washington Av.
Philadelphia

Augst 19 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 18th inst is received.

We have no price-list of gold, nor does the Mint keep gold for sale. The enclosed circular will explain our mode of doing business.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Tales. Esten & Richards
Providence
R. I.

Telegram

August 20. 5

Dr. Linderman
Director of the Mint
San Francisco, Cal.
Six tons fine will be forwarded
Monday by Blue Line, and the
remaining six tons in two weeks.
Hol Hickok's
Acting Supt

Coll. Govt. [illegible]

Augst 20 5

Gentlemen.

In compliance with my verbal understanding with your Mr. Richards this morning, you will please forward to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. Cal. by the Blue Line fast freight twelve (12) tons Zinc (Lehigh Spelter) at nine and a half (9½) cents per pound. Six tons to be forwarded on Monday next and the remaining six tons within two weeks all of the quality indicated by Mint Board, our Melter & Refiner. Duplicate bills of Lading for each shipment to be delivered at the time

to this office. and when the last shipment is made, duplicate receipted bills against the U S Mint at San Francisco, to be sent to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, for the entire lot of twelve tons, to be forwarded by him to the Treasury department at Washington for payment.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Acting Supt

Messrs.
Spear & Richards.
18 & Washington av.
Phila

Aug 26, 5

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th. inst. is just at hand.

You will see by the enclosed circular of February 18th. 1875, that when Silver Bullion is deposited for coinage, we can not make returns in anything but Trade Dollars.

We never return Gold coins for deposits of Silver Bullion, nor Silver coins for Gold Bullion.

Very Respectfully,

H. C. Hickok,
Acting Superintendent.

J. H. Tuttle, Esq.
Treasurer,
Boston
Mass.

Augst 21 5

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst is at hand.

The medal you refer to is No. 28. on the list of medals herewith sent you. The original medal was struck in gold for President Madison, and a number struck in silver at the same time for some Indian Chiefs. The copies the Mint Chiefs for sale are of copper bronzed; price $1.50 in currency.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

H. G. Post Esq
Grand Rapids
Mich

August 21 75

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending August 21. 1875.

Very Respectfully
H. Richards
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 25 [illegible]

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst is received.

The $200. in one cent pieces which you ordered July 23. will be forwarded to you in about three days. The orders lately have been in excess of our production.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

H. G. Arnold. Esq. Cashr.
Providence
R. I.

Augst 28 [illegible]

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 21st inst, I have to report that counterfeits, private tokens, and mutilated pieces, sent in as minor coins for redemption, are not returned to the parties sending them, nor are they destroyed, but retained in the Mint, awaiting whatever final disposition may be determined on. We have about half a bushel of them altogether.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
&c.

August 23 5

Sir

In pursuance of telegraphic instructions, under date of the 18th inst, from the Director of the Mint at San-Francisco, a copy of which is enclosed, I herewith forward to your office for payment out of the appropriations to the San Francisco Mint, duplicate bill of Nathan Trotter & Co, No 36 North Front Street, Philadelphia, for 17.952 lbs Lehigh Zinc at 11 cents per lb = $1.974.72. shipped to the Mint at San Francisco on the 19th inst as per the enclosed bill of lading.

If the bill cannot be paid until the Directors return.

please advise me of that fact for Trotter & bas information; and how soon he is expected back.

Two other lots of zinc from other parties will go forward, six tons today, and six tons in two weeks, of all which the Directors has been notified by telegraph.

Very Respectfully

Acting Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Aug 23 5

N C Nickols Esq. Acting Supt.

Dear Sir,

In respect to the Cents sent by Mr Peirce of Chicago, while I have great faith in the judgment of my friend Haseltine, I feel satisfied that they are all forgeries, made by Electrotype, & subsequent doctoring. I have no time to state my reasons for saying so. They are ingeniously got up, if I am correct in my judgment.

I may have misplaced them in the envelopes, but Mr P. can right them. Please send this to him.

Very respectfully

Wm E Du Bois

assayer

Augst 23 6

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst by Express, containing six one cent coins of 1793. 1799. and 1804. which you sent for examination was received to day.

Upon careful scrutiny our Assayer pronounces them all to be forgeries, made by electrotype, and subsequent doctoring.

I enclose the pieces to you by Express, together with the Assayer's Opinion in writing

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

J. A. Pierce, Esq
97 Clark St.
Chicago

Augst 23 5

Sir

Can you conveniently procure and mail us a copy of the book of Estimates of appropriations, printed for the use of Congress at its last session? It will aid us in preparing our estimates for the next Fiscal year, in the precise itemized form that may be most convenient for Congress and the Committee.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickman

M. V. Davis, Esq. Acting Supt
Acting Director Mint,
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

August 22 [illegible]

J. M. Lloyd, Esq
Acting Supt U. S. Army Office
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt

Augst 24 5

Sir

In the temporary absence of Ex. Gov. Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this morning, of your letter of the 23d inst. and to state in reply that the two counterfeit five cent nickels left by you on the 11th inst. assayed as follows.

One of them, a counterfeit five cent piece, was found to contain 24.9 per cent of nickel, very near the legal proportion. 25.

The other, a planchet contained 24.1 per cent of nickel. This was near enough

to

to standard, but it gives evidence that the two pieces were not from the same melt, though they might have been of the same manufacture. The alloy in both cases was copper.

Whether these pieces were struck from the same dies as those forwarded to the Mint from the Department last fall, and assayed, we cannot determine, as it would require an examination and comparison of both sets of coins, which is not now in our power to make.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

Wm. W. Kennock, Esq
Acting Chief U. S. S. S. Div.
New York.

Augst 24 5

Sir

Your remittance under date of the 20th inst. of $100. U. S. Gold note, was duly received. In return I send you to day by the Adams Express, one hundred dollars in 20 cent silver pieces as requested.

Very Respectfully
H. E. Hickok
Acting Supt

J. L. Waller Esq
No. 242 Wall St
New York.

Augst 24 5

Sir

You will see by the enclosed circular from the Treasury Department of Feby 18. 1875. that we only take gold coin in exchange for subsidiary silver coin.

Your draft of the 23d inst for $100. in currency, is therefore herewith returned

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

J. Amsbury Esq. Cas.
Danbury
Ct.

August 24 8

Gentlemen.

The old silver half dollar enclosed in your letter of the 20th inst. proves upon examination to be good metal although defaced.

The Mint does not make such exchanges, but as the piece is already here, I have as an accommodation to you, taken the trouble to have it converted into currency, and herewith enclose fifty cents in currency, as you requested.

Very Respty
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Ehrman & Blankenbuhler
Zanesville. Oh.

Aug. 25th 5

Sir.

I forward by Express this day my Bullion and Coinage, etc a/cs. for the Second Quarter 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D. C.

Augst 25 5

Gentlemen.

Your note of the 24th inst per Hawley, has been received.

You will see by the enclosed circular that we dont do business in the way you indicate. We pay deposits over our counter to the party from whom we received it and only on the production of the receipt given for it at the time.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Polevel
Supt

Messrs.
Kent & Parrish
New York.

Augst 25 5

Sir

Your letter of the 20d inst is received.

On account of a press of business in our Assay Department we will not be able to assay the sample of ore enclosed for some time, but, if you so desire, will turn it over to either of the following private assayers. Prof. Genth. University of Pa. Booth & Garrett. Chant St. this city. who are reliable parties.

Very Respfty

Jas. Wood
Supt

Mr. A. G. Upp.
Caledonia
Ohio

Augst 25 5

Sir

I have to report that Mr. George Mitchell, Helper in the Coining Room of this Mint, resigned his position on the 16th of August inst. to take effect on that day, and his resignation has been accepted.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell
Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
DC

August 25 5

Sir

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq. Coiner, notifies me this day of his intended absence for two or three days, and I have appointed Mr. Ob Bosbyshell as acting Coiner until Mr. Snowdens return, subject to your approval.

Very Respectfully
J. D. Powell
Supt.

M. V. Davis, Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 5 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 24th inst. I have to state that we will receive G. S. silver on the terms stated in the Table of Charges herewith enclosed for your information.

Very Resptly

[illegible]

J. H. Tuttle Cy. Treas.
Boston
Mass

August 25 5

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst is received.

You will notice by the terms of the enclosed circular, that we cannot exchange silver 20 cent pieces except for gold coins in sums of not less than $100.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Jas A Hill Esq. Cashr.
Union Banking Co.
Phila

August 5th

Sir

I have appointed Nelson Johnson as a Laborer in the general department of this Mint at $2.75 per diem from the 1st of September 1875 and submit the same for approval under the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

M. P. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Augst 27 8

Sir

Referring to the Directors two telegrams of the 18th inst and Mr. Hickoks letter to you of the 23d inst. I herewith forward duplicate bills of lading. dated the 23d inst. delivered to me yesterday, for two hundred and seventy nine (279) slabs Zinc forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco. per Blue Line fast freight by Messrs Spear & Richards of this city. Their bill for the same has not yet been handed in. It will be forwarded to you for payment as soon as received.

I enclose a communication

from Prof Booth. explaining how the Directors telegraphic instructions to buy this supply of zinc were carried out.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 27th 5

Sir.

In reply to yours of yesterday asking for a statement of the items composing the Bullion Fund of this Mint on the 30th June 1875, I make the following approximation - Viz

Gold Coins available		$ 785.916.99
Gold Bullion	Do.	1.357.605.00
		$ 2.143.521.99
Silver Coins (including $113.826 T.D. reserved for orders)	$ 471.943.20	
Silver Bullion	722.723.13	$ 1.194.666.33
	Total	$ 3.338.188.32

Very Respectfully Yours

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 28 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending August 28. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 28 6

Sir

Referring to the enclosed copy of a letter to me from the Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver. dated August 17. 1876. I herewith forward to you. in compliance with Mr. Schirmers directions, duplicate b/d. in his favor. No 7863. August 27. for 810.12 coin, on a/c of deductions on Bullion deposits and sweeps for fiscal year ending June 30. 1876.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 916.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

M. V. Davis. by
Acting Director Mint
Washington D.C.

August 28 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of August 17. 1875. I herewith forward triplicate b/d in your favor No 7863. August 27. 1875. for $811.12 coin. on a/c of deductions on Bullion deposits and sweeps at the Denver Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875. The original and triplicate b/d have been forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Washington, as requested in your letter.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 916.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Lieut

Jacob L. L. Schermer Esq
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver.

August 5

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst enclosing a P. O. money order for $40.00 and requesting me to forward you Trade Dollars in exchange, has been received. The Mint does not make such exchanges, and I herewith return your money order. The Mint will coin Trade Dollars for you, if you will send us silver bullion out of which to make them; but if you want to buy them, your application should be made to banks or Brokers who deal in them.

Very Respectfully

Mr.
August Kenhausen.
Schuling. W. Va.

August 23 5

Sir

I herewith forward for payment, the bill in triplicate, of Messrs. Spear and Richards, of this City, just received, for 279 slabs, 13451 lbs, Zinc at 9½ cents per lb = $1.277.85 forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, by the Blue Line fast freight on the 23d of August inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 30 5

Sir.

You have been appointed Laborer in the General Department of the Mint, at $2.75 per day, to take effect September 1. 1870.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman and bring it with you, to morrow when you report to me for duty.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Peter Johnson
No 2815 Vandam St
Phila

August 30 [illegible]

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 28th inst I mail you to day two copies of the Directors Annual Report for 1871 and one copy of the Report for 1872. We have no copies of 1871 left and could only spare you one copy of 1872.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. B. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augusta 6

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst was duly received.

The Mint always reserves the right to refuse any deposit which is, impure, for coinage or bars. A general principle which governs in this matter is the quality of the bullion, whether under or over 600 fine, and whether the fineness be made up of gold and silver, or either. If the base metal in the deposit be copper only, and generally received in, even if it be under 600 fine. Your bars appeared upon inspection to come under this ruling, and

were rejected accordingly.

The bars were returned without being assayed, or otherwise diminished, as you will see by the enclosed statement from the Agent of the Adams Express Co. who had them in charge.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

J. Warren Merrill Esq
Boston
Mass

Augsb. 8

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the following sums for the service of this Mint during the month of September 1876

Salaries	$2.400
Wages	21.000
Incidentals	5.000.

and ask for it your prompt attention.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 31. 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward B/L in duplicate for 290 slabs Zinc, forwarded August 31. by Messrs. Spear and Richards of this City, per Blue Line fast freight, to the Mint at San Francisco, the final shipment under the Directors telegraphic order of August 18. 1875.

I also herewith forward for payment, Spear & Richards bill for the same in triplicate 13451 lbs @ 9½ cts = $1.277.84

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Cook
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington

August 31 5

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage, executed at this Mint, for month of August 1870.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augst 1 5

Sir

The following is the Report of the Assayer of the New York Assay Office of Test boins, issued at this Mint in August 1875.

	Weight	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver
Double Eagle	515.9	900.1	9
Trade Dollar	420.2	Trace	900.4
Half do	193.	"	900.2

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

A. L. Snowden Esq

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Augst 30 8

Sir

The following is the Report of the Assayer of the New York Assay Office, of Test Coins, issued at this Mint, in August 1875.

	Weight	Gold.	Fineness Silver
Double Eagle	515.9	900.1	9
Trade Dollar	420.2	Trace	900.4
Half do	193.	"	900.2

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Prof. J. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

Augst 31 5

Sir

The following is the Report of the Assayer of the New York Assay Office of Test Coins, issued at this Mint, in August 1875.

	Weight	Gold	Fineness Silver
Double Eagle	515.9	900.1	9
Trade Dollar	421.2	Trace	900.4
Half "	193	"	900.2

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm. E. Du Bois, Esq

Assayer

Telegram

U. S. Mint. Phil^a Sept 31/75

Hon John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

Will send minor coins in
morning —

[illegible]

August 1 1870

Sir

I have appointed Arthur Walker of this city Helper in the general department of this Mint @ $2.70 per diem, to date from September 6 1870 and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

M. R. Davis, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

This appointment is made on the recommendation of Mr Babb, Cashier and to assist him in his office

Augst 31 1

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$ 959.074.46
Silver	566.161.72
Ord a/c regular	49.754.58
Minor Coinage	57.081.46
" Coins Exchanged	1.766.25
" " Reissued	34.289.00
" Coinage Redemption	10.009.80
	$1.695.134.37

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 1 5

Sir

I herewith forward the oath of Kelso Johnson, who took his place to day, as a Laborer in the general department of this Mint in pursuance of his recent appointment and confirmation.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 1 0

Sir

I enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Re-issued and Exchanged, at this Mint, during the month of August 1875.

I also endorse, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations, at this Mint for month ending August 31. 1875.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Sept 1 5

Sir

Messrs. Spear & Richards left with me this morning a bill in duplicate for $2.655.99 for their two shipments of zinc to the Mint at San Francisco. I required them to be receipted, and that being done, I herewith forward them to you as vouchers for the Department. They had received your letter advising them that you had received their bill for the first lot shipped, and that it would be paid by Treasury draft in a few days. Your letter to me of the same import was also received. very Respectfully

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint.

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Supt.

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Gentlemen.

In reply to your inquiry of the 31st ult, I have to inform you that Joseph Wharton's address is Camden. New Jersey.

Very Respectfully

Messrs,
Geo W. Gray & Denforth.
40 India St
Boston
Mass

Sept 2 6

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of August 30th, inclosing twenty cents currency, the balance due on the medal Splanchets forwarded to you for your men.

This difference of which you complain arises from the fact that the silver dollar contains 900 in silver, being made by law much heavier and more valuable than two halves, or four quarters. The account then stands thus.

2 Dollars	$2.20
2 Halves	1.00
2 Quarters	.50
6 Dimes	.60
	$4.30

In silver
$ 4.20
Add quoted premium 10 per ct 42
currency. $ 4.62

But we have to send down
to Third street, more than a
mile from the Mint, to the
brokers and with this cur-
rency buy silver to replace
that which we sent you, to
make our bullion account
square, by buying so small
a sum we have to pay more
than the current quotations
which are the brokers rates
for buying, and apply only
to larger sums. Your cir-
cumstances surely make us
whole in metal, leaving not-
ing for time, labor, postage
&c.

These planchets were prepared
from yours as a special accommoda-
tion.

from sympathy with your motives and object. It was never done before for anybody, and I trust that upon reflection, you will not be dissatisfied with the transaction as it stands.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Lieut
A. R. Egbert. U. S. A.
Atlanta
Geo.

Sept, 2 5

Sir

Referring to your circular letter of August 25. and the half dozen accompanying blanks on which to prepare, for the Biennial Register, a list of the Officers and Employees of this Mint, and which are insufficient for the purposes, I have to request that you will forward me, by return mail, if convenient, eighteen or twenty more of the blanks to enable me the more readily to prepare and retain for my own use a duplicate list in indentical style with the original.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Bowell

Hon. J. A. Graham.
Asst Regstr. Treas Dpt.
Washington.

Sept 2 5

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the general department of the Mint at $2.75 per diem. to take effect Monday, Sept 6 th. inst.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman and bring it with you when you report for duty to me.

James Pollock.
Supt

Anton Walker. for Wm
Phila

Dir Clk

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Sir

I herewith transmit from the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d of this date, No. 2077. in my favor, for $191.297.22 silver coin, on account of balance of silver profits for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875. which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

M. B. Davis. Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

Septr. 3d 5

Sir.

I have to inform you that the sum of One Hundred Thousand (100000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for shipment, subject to the Transfer Order of the Treasurer of the U.S.

Very Respy

J. W. Pocock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 3d 5

Sir.

In a letter of even date I mailed Original C.N.O. No. 2517 of the Asst Treas. U.S. for $191.297.24 Characterised as Silver Profits to June 30. 1875-

I desire to correct the statement by explaining that the sum of 1964 81 of the aforesaid amount is the balance of Coinage Charges for the year ended June 30 1875; leaving $190.332.43 as the Silver Profits, and that C.N.O. should have so read.

Very Respy

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 4 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of 2d inst has been received.

In compliance with your request I herewith send you a memorandum showing the nett amount in coin $46.51 of a gold deposit made August 21. 1875 in the name of Kent & Parry.

We pay deposits over our counter, but only on the production of the receipt, properly endorsed, given at the time the deposit was made.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs. Kent & Parrish.
Kents Store
Tluvannee bo
Va

Sept 4 5

Dear Sir

I do not know how you have been imposed upon, but the piece of metal you send is a mixture of silver and copper, and is no doubt a piece of coin, hammered out. We never find such mixtures in nuggets.

Yours resply

J. W. Ellis
Supt.

Henry Bateman Esq
Cherryville
N.C.

Sept 9 1875

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. I herewith forward the oaths of allegiance of the following employees of this Mint.

General Department

Annie Carroll. Scrubber.

Melter & Refiners Department.

Thos. B. Sears. Melter

Jno J. Beckman. do.

(These two are old employees and have taken the oath more practically)

Jno A. Wagner. Helper. (His first oath was forwarded to you August 2 1875. in the same letter with the oaths of three other Helpers)

Melter & Refiners Department continued.

Walter S. Heins. Helper.

Coiners Department

W. H. Cannon. Roller.

The oaths of the following employees were forwarded to Washington at the time of their appointment, but if they are to be taken over again you will please advise me.

Coiners Department.

J. F. Wyser. Annealer. 1 May 1873.

Wm B. Wunder. Fireman. 2 May. 1873.

Chas. W. Steel. Engineer. June 1869.

(He was at that time Night Watchman, and took the oath at the time with the mass of employees)

Sallie C. Davis. Adjuster. June 1. 1873.

Melter & Refiners Department

Jas. R. Taylor. Helper, did not

accept his appointment, and his name has never been placed on our rolls.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 4 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending September 4. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 4 5

Dr Sir

Although the mineral you send is rather pretty to look at, it is entirely worthless.

Resp'y yours
[illegible]
Supd.

Mr John Hughes
New Creek
W. Va.

It is rose-colored quartz; tinted with native oxides of iron.

Telegram

Sept. 4. 5

A. Godard & Co.
Gouverneur
It will take at least two
two weeks to reach it

[illegible]
Supt. U. S. [illegible]

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Sept 4 [illegible]

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 3d. inst, with regard to unparted bars of the value of $500.000. to be forwarded to us from the Carson Mint, in lots of $100.000. each, begining about the 14th inst. and referring in this connection to your letter of advice of August 28. on the same subject. I have to state in reply that the Bullion will be received and coined, and the accounts adjusted according to instructions.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington

Sept 4 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 2d inst. I handed your sample of ore to Prof. Booth, of Booth & Garrett, who informs me that it is a mixture of iron pyrites (sulphur and iron) galena (sulphur and lead) and blend (sulphur and zinc) He says the sample is too small for minute assay, but even the seven pounds of it would not be worth assaying. All the gold looking ore is sulphur and iron, as you can prove by roasting in a red hot shovel and smelling the vapor. If you want the rest of it assayed you should send it to Booth & Garrett. Chant. M.

Philadelphia with ten dollars
to pay for the assay.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. A. G. Upp.
Caledonia
Ohio

Sept 6. 5

Gentlemen,

The lot of copper and composition plate referred to in your letter of August 31st would not be suited to the operations of the Mint, and I must decline to receive it.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs.

Heinrich Hoss & Holthoff.

Cincinnati. Ohio.

Sept 6. 5

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward the Oath of Allegiance of Anton Walker, Helper in the General Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

M. V. Davis, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 6 8

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 4th inst. I have made careful examination of our deposit books, and have also interrogated the Agent who has charge of the Mint Business of the Adams Express Company, and find that up to this date we have not received any deposits of dollars from Apartments in Boston Highlands or vicinity: they could however, if they chose, give other names, and designate some other locality.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pond
Supt

Elmer Washburn, Esq
Chief Secret Service Division
Washington D.C.

Sept. 7th 75

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for August 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. K. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

[illegible]

Sept 7 8

Sir,

Referring to your return, under date of the 6th inst. of the vouchers for the "Horn" Medal, for want of an appropriation to pay it, I was informed by the Director in his letter to me of May 24th that it would be paid out of the "incidental appropriation" of his office. As this cannot be done, I have to request that you will return the Medal to me to enable me to adjust my Medal account, while awaiting the action of Congress.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Zoll
Supt

M. C. Davis, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 7: 5

Sir

Herewith I forward Certificate of Deposit No 2523 for Ninety Nine and 25/100 Dollars ($99.25) received from Wm. H. DuBois Assayer, for Assay of Ores, Slate and Samples of Gold not deposited, made during the last half fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

Paid by Wm DuBois to me, this day, and deposited as per Certificate enclosed

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 7th 5

Sir.

I hand you herewith a detailed Statement of the net result by the Philada. Mint Assay, of 283 Unported Bars received from the Carson City Mint during the 3d quarter 1875, for credit of the Bullion Fund.

283 Bars Contain

Gold	Ozs. Std.	20.699.596	$ 385.108.76
Silver	"	469.737.52	503.088.89
		Total	$ 888.197.65

being a falling off from the estimate of the Carson City Mint of $ 1274.27 The Gold is credited at its Coin value and the Silver at the rate 119 c. per oz fine, per instructions contained in your letter to me under date of June 10th 1875.

Very Respectfully

Very Respy Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon A. R. Eckert
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 8th 5

Sir.

There is on hand the Sum of One Hundred Thousand (100.000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin, subject to the Transfer Order of the Treasurer United States.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 8th 65

Sir.

Your letter of yesterday directing me to deposit my unexpended balances of the Appropriations for the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1865 is received. You are without doubt aware of the fact that such action cannot be taken by me while there are outstanding bills and contracts uncompleted for that period. Your directions will however be complied with if you will arrange to pay the bills for the Artesian Well, and those of Doctor Bonzano from the balances after transfer to the Qua Army. If this can be done I will be glad to close this a/c. Otherwise the moneys will have to be retained here until all claims against them can be settled. The Well will be

be Completed in a Short time; and Bonzano's bill will be paid as soon as it can be made up.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Sept 9. 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

We have no list of U. S. coins, except the medal circular herewith forwarded to you.

U. S. one cent pieces were coined every year from 1793 to 1875, inclusive, except the year 1816.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Mr. Frank H. Norton
New Brighton Ca.

Sept. 5, 87.

Sir,

I herewith forward my estimates of the appropriations that will be needed for the support of this institution during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1887, being the same as the appropriations made for the current fiscal year.

The amounts stated, however will not be equal to our wants. The very large quantity of imported bars from Nevada, to be operated on, will require much larger expenditures than usual for acids for our refinery, and other supplies; and to meet this extra demand upon us, our appropriation for incidental and

Contingent expenses should be increased by about $20,000. making a total under that head of $103,000. This is the least that I can prudently ask, and do recommend that this amount be appropriated.

I must also insist that the salaries appropriated are much too low, and not properly graduated to the duties and responsibilities of the executive officers and clerks of this Mint. A sense of duty compels me to make an earnest appeal for a reasonable and deserved increase in the compensation of this class of public servants. Allow me to again call attention to the fact that under the Coinage Act of 1873, the duties and responsibilities

I earnestly recommend an incr-
in the salaries of the officers, heads
of the operative departments
of this Mint. They should
not be less than $4,000. The
skill, experience, and character
required for these positions, should
command a generous compensation
at least approximating the salaries
paid to gentlemen of equal qualifica-
tions in less difficult and
onerous departments of the govern-
ment, or private moneyed institu-
tions. I very much regret
the reduction made in the salaries
of my Cashier and first Clerk,
and the [illegible] clerks
in Coinage [illegible] and the
[illegible] of the [illegible]
and responsibility [illegible]
with [illegible] of [illegible] position.

4.

I earnestly recommend an increase in the salaries of the respective heads of the operative departments of this Mint. They should not be less than $4,000. The ability, experience, and character required for these positions, should command a pecuniary compensation at least approximating the salaries paid to gentlemen of equal qualifications in less difficult and onerous departments of the government or private monied institutions. I very much regret the reduction made in the salaries of my Cashier and five clerks, below the amounts fixed under the Coinage Act of 1873. The duties of the Cashier are arduous and responsible; peculiarly sold with less assistance than

Similar officers are favored within other branches of the Treasury Department, and his salary should not be less than $2,800 at the very lowest, and I respectfully urge that it be increased to that amount. It ought to be $3,000. I recommend that the salary of the Chief Clerk be fixed at $2,500, to make it equal to the same position in the Mints at San Francisco and Carson City. There is no reason why it should be less. I further recommend that the salary of the Book-keeper, Deposit Clerk, and Weigh Clerk be restored to $3,200 each, that being the very moderate amount fixed under the Coinage Act of 1873; and that the two remaining Clerks

be allowed $2,000 each, as fixed under that Act.

New marble columns to the front portico of the Mint are absolutely necessary. The present columns have become very much dilapidated and unsightly; and the capitals are in a dangerous condition, large portions of them having fallen from time to time, fortunately when no person was underneath. There is constant danger of serious if not fatal casualties from this cause. This danger should be averted at the earliest moment. It is believed that $15,000 will be sufficient for this purpose.

Very respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

[illegible] Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Septr. 10th 5

Sir.

I hand you herewith C.O. No. 2533 for $31.950.96 being a portion of the unexpended balances in my hands on the 30th June last and paid into the Treasury U.S. this day. The above sum is composed of

balance Wages of Workmen	$20.781.20
And part of the Incidental Appropriation	11.169.76
Total	$31.950.96
[illegible] for Artesian Well	9.991.60
[illegible] Dr Benzano's bill	1.000.
Total	$10.991.60

[illegible] of the fact that no expen- [illegible] the [illegible] fiscal year can [illegible] paid out of last year's funds, [illegible] as I [illegible] instructions from [illegible] under date of June 9th 1875 to

re-

retain sufficient funds from the appropriations for 1874-75 to meet Dr. Bongano's bill, an estimate of which he handed me on or about the 1st June last amounting to some $600— I shall so do, and as soon as he returns to Philada, will endeavor to have a settlement of his &c. to the close of the last fiscal year.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

Supt

Hon H.R. [illegible]
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 11 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending September 11. 1875

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 11 80

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 7th inst. I herewith send you a list of the officers and employés of this Mint, as called for in your letter of the 9th of August ult, and Secretary Bristows circular of July 20th 1875, enclosed therein.

As that circular, and the Mint Registers circular letter of August 20th called for the list for the same purposes i.e. the U.S. Treasury Register, it was supposed the requests were identical, except that the time when it was to be furnished was

changed from the 5th to the 30th of September, hence the delay.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

M. W. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 11 -

Sir

The complaint to the Secretary of the Treasure of Mr Jno E. Reynault of Richmond Va. referred to me in your letter of the 10th inst, and herewith returned to you, is readily answered.

Under the Coinage Act of 1873, and stating Secretary Sherman's circular of September 24. 1874. we exchanged new minor coins for old minor coins. But we do not exchange or redeem ~~silver three cent~~ pieces. Mr. Reynault brought some ~~silver~~ three cent pieces and wanted them redeemed or exchanged for the new

silver subsidiary coin, which, of course, could not be done. He was informed that he could obtain the new silver coin in exchange for gold in sums of $100. under the law, or that he could perhaps sell them to a broker, or some private assayer, but it seems did not get a satisfactory offer.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. W. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 11 5

Sir

Under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, I have appointed Mr. A. B. Linderman, of this City, to a place in the Cabinet of this Mint, from the 16th of September, inst. at $4 per diem, vice Joseph Butler retired on account of old age, and submit the same for approval.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 13 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statements of Gold and Silver Workings in the Coiners Department of this Mint. for the month of August 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 13 5

Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of the 10th inst. I have to state, that the only item we have to offer to the next Table of Foreign Coins, is the important one of Mexican Dollars, of which we have had two large lots. They were chiefly new, and of promiscuous Mints. They maintain the same average weight as stated in the last Table (0.870 oz.) but the fineness is 902, instead of 903. The difference is not material, but it is a reduction of say ·11 cent, or one dollar in 902.

I am at a loss to know on what basis the value of silver coins is to be given, as it is now more unstable than ever. The basis in the last Table, 118 cents per ounce standard, is of course done away with.

Very resp'y yours

[illegible]

M.V. Davis Esq. acting Director

Sept 14 5

Sir

You have been appointed to a position in the Cabinet of the Mint. at a compensation of $4 per diem, to take effect from September 16. 1875.

You will subscribe to the enclosed oath before an Alderman and bring it with you when you report for duty to me on the 16th inst.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bolcock
Supt

Mr. H. B. Linderman
Philadelphia
Pa.

Sep 14th 5

Sir.

The sum of One hundred Thousand (100000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is now ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such Office as you may designate

Very Respectfully
J. A. Lowell
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 15 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of August 1875.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of August 1875.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of August 1875.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Sept 15 5

Sir

In pursuance of standing instructions I have the honor to report that the Superintendent is out of town, and it is expected will be absent about ten days.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 15 8

Sir

Your letters of the 10th inst. and the box of specimens, were received to day.

Upon examination the alleged silver ores prove to be only varieties of limestone, with occasional iron pyrites (sulphuret of iron) They are of no value.

If you wish the stones assayed you are referred to Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Chaut. Street or Prof. Genth. University of Penna. of this City, who are respectable private assayers. Their charges would not be less than $10. for each sample. The Assayer of the Mint cannot spare time to make these assays.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickock
Acting Supt.

Mr. James C. Moore.
Barton. Md.

Sept 16 60

Sir

I herewith enclose the oath of Allegiance of Mr. A.B. Linderman, appointed to a position in the Cabinet of this Mint, to take effect from this date.

Very Respectfully
H.R. Linderman
Acting Supt

M. A. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 16 70

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statements of Bullion operations and Gold and Silver melting in the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint for the months of July and August 1870. together with an explanatory letter from the Melter & Refiner.

The statement of Silver melting for July was mailed to the Director on the 9th of August. The one enclosed is a duplicate.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

A. R. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint

Sept 16 8

Sir

We have to day received by Express thirty ($30) unparted bars from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, together with invoices of the same by mail, under date of the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully

H. E. Hickox

Acting Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Sept 16 50

Sir

We have to day received from you by Express thirty (30) imparted bars, and invoices of the same by mail, mentioned in your letter of the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully

W. L. Hitchcock

Acting Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev

Telegram

Sept 17. 5

James Crawford Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Carson Nevada
Please send manuscript invoices
letter press copies on soft
paper too indistinct for our
use.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Sept 17 5

Sir

We have to day received fifty six (56) unparted bars from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, together with the invoices, forwarded Sept. 9th.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hick
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 17 5

Sir

We have to day received fifty six (50) unparted bars, with the invoices forwarded by you on the 9th inst.

I was obliged to notify you to day by telegraph that the letter press copies of invoices on soft paper are not suited to our purposes. Some of them are indistinct, they are difficult to add up, and get spoiled in handling.

Will you do us the kindness to send the invoices, or copies, on foolscap or letter paper, hereafter.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt

James Crawford. Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson

Sept 17 8

Sir

I herewith return your coin draft of the 16th inst No. 2000 for $100. for which we today forward you that amount in 20 $ silver coins, because, being made payable to Gov Pollock individually, the Asst Treasurer refuses to pay it on my official endorsement. Superintendent Pollock is out of town, and is not expected back for ten days, and I therefore respectfully request that you will send in return, a like draft payable to his official order, that the account may not stand open.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

Hon. J. H. Wyman.
Asst Treas U. S.
Washington

L.C.

Sept. 18th 5

Sir.

One Hundred Thousand (100000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such Office as you may designate.

Very Respectfully Yours

H. C. Nichols

Acting Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 18 70

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint. for week ending September 18. 1870.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 18 [illegible]

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 17th inst. I have to state that on the 23d of June last there was a balance of old copper cents on hand of $27.80 The Melter & Refiner states that at the time these coins were turned over to him for melting, he was in need of copper, and found that by using care in rolling them, they could be used in the bronze coinage, and it was concluded to run them into ingots and coin them, in preference to selling and incurring a loss thereby, as well as paying a higher price for new copper. Subsequently some

$68. were redeemed, but as they could not be brought into the settlement % as metal, they remained in the Redemption Fund.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Peakock
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 15 5

Sir

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing original invoice of 50 imported bars from Carson September 9. 1876. We are very glad to get it. For the letter press copies of invoices sent us from Carson, are very illy adapted for our purposes, being easily spoiled in handling, often indistinct or illegible, and difficult to add up. I was obliged yesterday to ask the Superintendent of the Carson Mint to send us invoices on foolscap paper hereafter.

M. C. Davis. Esq.
Acting Director Mint.
Washington.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Hicks
Acting Supt.

Sept. 20 5

To the Cashier of U. S. Mint

Sir:

You will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Fourteen Hundred and fifty ($1450 00/100) Dollars in 5¢ Nickle Coin (mutilated) and Four Hundred and Twenty ($420) Dollars in 3¢ Nickle Coin (mutilated), as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873. letter 23d January 1874, also letter of Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29 - 1874

H. C. Kinkead
acting Supt.

Sept 20 5

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst has been received.

As a matter of public accommodation the Mint has been in the habit of making assays of mineral specimens, for gold and silver only, when the Assayer has time to do so without interfering with his regular duties, at a charge of $5 to cover the actual cost of the assay. We are too busy now to make these assays for private parties, but your box of stones being already here, we took the trouble to examine them, without an assay, as an accommodation to you, and advise you of their real character, giving you all the value, as it has customarily

the names of several responsible private assayers whom you could employ to assay your specimens if you thought proper; and named their probable charge, for your information, so that you could act advisedly

Very Respty
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. James L Moore.
Barton
Md

L. R. C.

Sept. 20th 5.

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Forty five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Three (45.823) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 20 [illegible]

Sir

In accordance with your request of the 10th inst there has been prepared, and I herewith forward, in accordance with the form prescribed, and the accompanying instructions, a detailed record of the Dore silver purchased by the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, at sent to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to be refined.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

M. V. Davis, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Telegram

Sept 21. 5

Hon Jno C. New
Treasurer United States
Washington D.C.

Twenty cent pieces were forwarded
Yesterday by Address Express to ex-
Lieutenant Treasurer Wagner.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt U.S.
Mint.

Pa. Gold Cents

Sept. 22 5

Sir.

One Hundred Thousand (100.000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such office as you may designate.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sep. 22d 5

Sir

I have to inform you that in your press copy Carson invoice of the 28 Bars shipped on the 11th inst it is found that the footing of the Silver should be $49.890.39 instead of $48.890.39, unless we are misled by the imperfect character of the invoice received. Be kind enough to examine your original a/c. and report the result.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acty Sup't

James Crawford Esqr
Sup't. Mint Ref
Carson City
Nevada

Sept 22. 5

Mr
Knickerbocker Ice Company
Will please reduce
the quantity of Ice for the Mint,
delivering only the following
amounts, until further no-
-tice.

Melting depth 50 lbs.
Coining depth 100 "

Very Respectfully
H. C. Kickoff
Acting Supt

Sept 23 5

Mr. J. M. Brinton

Dear Sir,

In our judgment, the rocks sent by you show no signs of silver. But if you are not satisfied with this, we recommend you to Messrs Booth & Garret, analysts, Chant St. Phila., or to Professor Genth, University of Penna., Philadelphia. We have now no time to assay ores.

Their charge is five dollars for a search for silver only; five dolls more if they search for gold. If you send this, with your order to deliver the rocks, we will hand them over, with the money.

Very truly

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Sept 23 65

Sir

Upon notice from the Melter & Refiner that a supply of Nickel was wanted immediately for minor coinage, I advertised that proposals would be received up to this date, to furnish 000 lbs. A copy of the advertisement is herewith attached.

I herewith forward for your consideration and approval under the terms of the coinage Act a proposal from Mr. Joseph Wharton of the American Nickel Works, Camden, N. J. to deliver that quantity

at $2.25 per pound.

Copies of the advertisement were mailed to dealers in Nickel in New York, but they have not been heard from in reply No proposal has been received except the one put in by Mr Thornton.

We received remittances yesterday and to day for minor coins to the amount of over $2,000. and the Cashier informs me that he is $20,000. in arrears on orders for minor coins.

Very Respectfully
H C Nichols
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 24th 5

Sir.

The Sum of One Hundred Thousand (100000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such office as you may designate.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Sup't.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 24 5

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst, has been received.

The Mint does not keep old coins for sale, and your remittance of fifty cents, currency, is herewith returned. Your application should be made to coin dealers.

United States copper one cent pieces were not coined in 1815. The bronze two cent piece was abolished by the Coinage Act of 1873. and none have been coined since the first of April of that year.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. Geo L. Norton
New York

Sept 24 .5

Sir

The enclosed communication from St Louis, received this afternoon, was doubtless intended for the Director of the Mint, and is therefore respectfully forwarded for his consideration.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 25 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending September 25. 1875.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 25 5

Sir

We are out of blanks for monthly reports of official postage stamps used, and on hand. It requires two blanks per month, one for the Department, and a duplicate to be retained here for reference.

An application for a further supply of these blanks sent direct to the Secretary of the Treasury a few days since not meeting any response, as yet, I respectfully renew my application through your office.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

Sept 25 5

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst has been received.

If you send the silver you mention, to the Mint by the Adams Express we will melt and assay it, and coin it into Trade dollars for you on the terms of the enclosed circular. We do not pay in paper money, but the Express Agent (who has an office in the Mint building) can sell the dollars for currency, and remit you the proceeds, if you so instruct him.

Chloride of silver is easily driven off in the fire unless well protected.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hiskok
Acting Supt

Mr. W. H. Rishel.
Danville. Pa.

L.R.

Sept. 25th 5

Sir.

I return herewith Treasurer's Order No. 3043, dated Septr. 24th 1875. in favor of Supt. Mint U.S. at Philada, for $1888.197/65 being the cost value of 283 Uncurrented Bars received from Supt. of the Carson Mint during the 2d quarter 1875, and credited to your Bullion Fund at this Mint. Said Order bearing my endorsement as per your request dated the 24th inst.

Very Respectfully Your
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

L.R.L.

Sept 25th 65

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred (23.400.) Dollars, to reimburse you for mint Coin withdrawn from your Redemption Fund and transferred to the Melting &c.

Please (if possible) present this Order for payment prior to the close of the quarter.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickcox

Acting Supt

Hon. John C New

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

Sept 27 5

Sir

I have received your letter of the 24th inst calling for certain minor coinage statistics before approving Joseph Wharton's proposal to furnish 5000 lbs Nickel at $3.25 per pound currency.

In reply I have to state that we have the following minor coinage materials on hand.

In the Mother Refiners hands.

Grain Nickel.	none
One cent nickel pieces	38,698. lbs
Two do bronze do	871 "

In Redemption Fund.

One cent Nickels	$3.641.82
One cent Bronze	2.381.40
Three cent Nickels	273.42
Five cent do	3.520.60

A short time since, while we had no silver to melt except what we had ourselves refined, and for which only one half the force was required, the other half was temporarily employed in melting for the bronze and nickel coinage to partially relieve the heavy pressure from the public for minor coins, but having worked up the very small amount of nickel on hand the nickel coinage has been stopped absolutely.

As we are constantly receiving large orders for minor coins from New York City I do not see why orders for minor coins from that region might not be filled by the Asst. Treasurer at New York.

out of the redeemed coins in his hands, and thus save freight both ways between New York and Philadelphia. and the same with other Asst Treasurers as evidently contemplated by law, but if the Department thinks otherwise I will, of course, comply with whatever instructions you may have to give on the subject.

In the event of the future resumption of the coinage of 3¢ and 5¢ nickels, the amount of nickel advertised for would not be in excess of our probable wants.

We received orders and remittances Saturday and today for minor coins to the amount of very nearly $4000.

The policy of resuming the coinage of 3 ¢ and 5 ¢ nickel pieces is entirely for the consideration of the Department.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dd.

the Sub Treasury. The plan is [illegible]
and has been [illegible]
[illegible] Sept. 27 5
[illegible]

Sir,

Replying to your letter of yesterday asking in what manner the Redemption Fund was reimbursed for the $2785 - withdrawn therefrom and transferred to the Melter & Refiner for Coining, I have to respectfully state that as soon as such transfers are made, notification is sent to the Treasurer U.S. that such sums have been withdrawn from his a/c and he is requested to draw his Transfer Order on the Minor Coinage a/c, for a like amount of money, care being taken not to invade the Minor Coinage Metal Fund. This process relieves the a/c at once of the indebtedness, and and reimburses the Treasurer U.S.

in

the Sub Treasury. The plan is and has been in use since the transfers from the Redemption Fund first began, and meets the character of Accounts well, both with us and the Treasurer.

I would respectfully refer you to the Bullion a/c's of the 2d Quarter 1875, for the following entries in connection with the aforesaid transfer:-

"Copper Coin Redemption Fund

Dr/o Minor Coin Redemption Fund,

For this sum of old Coppers redeemed, withdrawn from the Red. Fund for use in Coining, $2785-."

Then-

"Minor Coinage Metal a/c. (not "Fund")

Dr/o Minor Coinage Profit & Loss"

For this quantity of old Coppers transferred from the Redemption Fund to the "Superintendents Metal a/c,- for Coining:

$2785.

Then

Then,

"Melter & Refiner's Minor Coinage Metal a/c.
Dr. Minor Coinage Metal a/c."
For old Coppers transferred to him for Coining, $2785."

When the Treasurer's Transfer Order comes and is paid, as in this case, you will find the following entry in the a/c's.

"Minor Coinage Profit & Loss
Dr. Minor Coinage."
For Transfer Order No. 2867 paid, being for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and recoined $2785. This closes the transaction.

Very Respectfully Yours
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Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
P.C.

P.S. I might state that the $2785 was paid and charged in the a/c with $32,000 Nickel 1¢ pieces withdrawn during the period [illegible]

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Sir

Upon the Coiners nomination herewith enclosed, I have made the following appointments in the Coiners Department.

Ellis Pugh. Annealer
Robert N. Baker. Cutter
Chas A. Bosbyshell. Cutter
Henry E. Rulon. Roller.

at $2.90 per day, each to date from Monday, October 4. 1875. and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

I also enclose copy of a letter from the Coiner, giving his reasons for making these nominations.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Treasurer

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Sept 27th

To the Cashier:

You will deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting & Refining Thirty three hundred and eighty (3380) dollars in Gold Cent Bronze Coins as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of April 24th 1878 [illegible] letter of Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29th 1878

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent